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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS
PAYABLE WHEN A POLICE OFFICER WITHOUT DEPENDENTS IS
KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-306 of the 2006 supplement to the general
2 statutes is amended by adding subsection (e) as follows (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (NEW) (e) If, on or after January 1, 1999, a police officer dies (1)
5 from injuries sustained in the course of employment as a result of the
6 commission of a crime by another person involving the use of physical
7 force or violence against such police officer, and (2) with no person
8 wholly or partially dependent upon such officer, a weekly
9 compensation shall be paid to the estate of such officer equal to the
10 average weekly earnings of the deceased calculated pursuant to
11 section 31-310 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes after such
12 earnings have been reduced by any deduction for federal or state taxes,
13 or both, and for the federal Insurance Contributions Act made from
14 such employee's total wages received during the period of calculation
15 of the employee's average weekly wage pursuant to said section 31-310

16 as of the date of death but not more than the maximum weekly
17 compensation rate set forth in section 31-309 for the year in which the
18 death occurred. Such weekly compensation shall be paid until the date
19 the deceased would have attained sixty-five years of age or for fifteen
20 years, whichever is longer, and shall be subject to commutation as
21 provided in section 31-302.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	31-306

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the estate of a police officer who dies from injuries sustained in the course of employment as the result of a violent crime and who has no dependents to receive a workers' compensation award in addition to the burial allowance.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]