

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1415

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Janis

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Line of Duty Act

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill would eliminate the requirement that any payments for health care coverage under the Line of Duty Act be retroactive to the first date that the disability existed.

6. Fiscal impact: This bill would result in a cost saving to the extent that such retroactive payments would no longer have to be made. Under the Line of Duty Act, the surviving spouses and dependents of certain public safety officers skilled in the line of duty and certain public safety officers disabled in the line of duty, and the spouses and dependents of such disabled officers, are provided health insurance coverage. Currently, the Act requires that payments for such health insurance coverage be retroactive to July 1, 2000 for beneficiaries of certain public safety officers skilled in the line of duty prior to July 1, 2000; such payments are retroactive to the date of the public safety officer's death if the death occurred on or after July 1, 2000. For certain public safety officers, and the spouses and dependents of such public safety officers, disabled in the line of duty on or after July 1, 2000, the health insurance payments are retroactive to the first date that the disability existed. DPB cannot estimate with precision any fiscal impact associated with this bill because it would depend on the number of individuals who would become eligible for this benefit under the Line of Duty Act.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: See Item 6.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Accounts; Department of State Police.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Finance
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