

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB822

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Norment

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Line of Duty Act

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill would expand coverage under the Line of Duty Act to include any employee of any county, city, or town performing emergency management or emergency services duties.

6. Fiscal impact: DPB cannot estimate the potential fiscal impact associated with this bill. The Line of Duty Act provides for payments to beneficiaries of certain deceased public safety officers. If the officer's death occurred while in the line of duty, the beneficiary is entitled to receive \$75,000. If the officer's death arose out of and in the course of his employment or was within five years from his date of retirement, the beneficiary is entitled to receive \$25,000. Also, under the Act certain disabled public safety officers, their spouses and dependents, and beneficiaries of certain deceased public safety officers are entitled to receive continued health insurance coverage fully paid for by the Commonwealth. DPB cannot estimate the number of individuals who would potentially be impacted by this bill. It would depend largely on the number and magnitude of any events requiring emergency management or emergency services duties, which are not defined in the bill.

7. Budget amendment necessary: See Item 6.

8. Fiscal implications: See Item 6.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Accounts; Department of State Police; all counties, cities, and towns.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Finance
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