

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB 46

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 Martin

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Line of Duty Act

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill would expand coverage under the Line of Duty Act to include booking technicians.

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 with precision the number of individuals who would potentially be impacted by this bill. However, based on information provided by the Compensation Board, it appears that the majority of booking technicians are already covered under the Line of Duty Act. Thus it is likely that fewer than 50 individuals would be newly eligible for benefits under the provisions of this 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; local governments.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Finance
Secretary of Public Safety