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Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 1738

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 Cosgrove

3. Committee Appropriations

4. Title Line of Duty Act

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill would provide that, beginning July 1, 2005, any state police officer (i) who became disabled during the period between April 8, 1972 and July 1, 2000, (ii) whose disability occurred while in the line of duty as the direct or proximate result of the performance of his duty, and (iii) whose disability arose out of and in the course of his employment, would be entitled to reimbursement of any health insurance premiums paid by such officer during the time period stated above.

6. Fiscal impact:

Note: This fiscal impact statement is revised due to further analysis of the potential fiscal impact.

DPB estimates that the fiscal impact associated with this legislation would be between \$1.1 million and \$4.0 million. (This would be a one-time cost.) The fiscal impact associated with this legislation depends on a number of factors, including the number of state police officers disabled between April 8, 1972 and July 1, 2000, the number of such individuals who file claims, and the costs associated with past health insurance coverage. Based on information provided by the Department of State Police, DPB estimates that there are 85 living state police officers who were disabled during this time period and who would thus qualify for reimbursement of any health insurance premiums paid between April 8, 1972 and July 1, 2000. The lower end of DPB's range (\$1.1 million) is based on the costs for single coverage under the state health plan, while the upper range (\$4.0 million) is based on the costs for family coverage under the state health plan. The actual costs associated with this bill would likely fall somewhere within this range. This estimate assumes that the 85 state police officers were covered under the basic state health plan between April 8, 1972 and July 1, 2000. This estimate further assumes that reimbursements for health insurance premiums paid by state police officers during the first year of their disability would be for an average of six months.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes.
Item 282--Line of Duty (76000).

8. Fiscal implications: See Item 6.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Finance
Secretary of Public Safety