

Department of Planning and Budget

2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 1738

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

2. Patron Cosgrove

3. Committee Appropriations

4. Title Line of Duty Act

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill would provide that any state police officer whose mental or physical incapacitation occurred on or after January, 1, 1972 and who otherwise meets the definition of “disabled person” under the Line of Duty Act shall be entitled to receive health insurance coverage fully paid for by the Commonwealth beginning July 1, 2005.

6. Fiscal impact: DPB estimates that the fiscal impact associated with this legislation would be between \$261,120 and \$912,900 annually. The fiscal impact associated with this legislation depends on a number of factors, including the number of state police officers disabled between January 1, 1972 and July 1, 2000, the number of such individuals who file claims, and the costs associated with 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 between January 1, 1972 and July 1, 2000 and who would thus qualify for health insurance coverage. The lower end of DPB’s range (\$261,120) is based on the FY 2006 costs for single coverage under the basic state health plan, while the upper range (\$912,900) is based on the FY 2006 costs for family coverage under the basic state health plan. The actual costs associated with this bill would likely fall somewhere within this range.

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
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