

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB 2240

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

**2. Patron**        O'Bannon

**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 fire department chaplains and members of any fire company or department or rescue squad of the Virginia National Guard.

**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. However, based on information provided by the Departments of Military Affairs and Fire Programs, it appears that about 35 Virginia National Guard members and about 50 fire department chaplains 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 Transfer Payments; Department of Fire Programs; Department of Military Affairs.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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Secretary of Public Safety