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HOUSE BILL NO. 481

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A BILL for the relief of Lois Ann Grimes.

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Whereas, Lois Ann Grimes (Mrs. Grimes) was married to Rodney Dean Grimes; and
Whereas, in June 1966, Rodney Dean Grimes became a trooper with the Virginia State Police force;
and

Whereas, Rodney Dean Grimes was an exemplary officer and over 17 years of outstanding service
rose to the rank of Special Agent in Charge based in Culpeper, Virginia; and

Whereas, on October 10, 1983, Rodney Dean Grimes was tragically killed in an automobile accident
while on duty; and

Whereas, in the year after the death of her husband, Mrs. Grimes developed health problems; and

Whereas, the costs associated with treating her health problems increased through the years and Mrs.
Grimes made every attempt to pay the bills; and

Whereas, it became increasingly difficult for Mrs. Grimes to keep pace with the medical bills; and

Whereas, in 2008, faced with several unpaid medical bills, Mrs. Grimes contacted the Virginia
Department of State Police seeking assistance; and

Whereas, Department personnel directed Mrs. Grimes to the office of the State Comptroller; and

Whereas, the State Comptroller informed Mrs. Grimes that under the Line of Duty Act (§ 9.1-400 et
seq.) she had been eligible to receive assistance since 2000; and

Whereas, Mrs. Grimes never received any notification that assistance was available and continued to
incur and attempt to pay the bills; and

Whereas, between 2000 and 2008, Mrs. Grimes incurred \$52,293.00 in medical bills; and

Whereas, most of these costs would have been covered by the assistance offered by the Line of Duty
Act; and

Whereas, Lois Ann Grimes has no other means to obtain adequate relief except by action of this
body; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That there shall be paid for the relief of Lois Ann Grimes from the general fund of the state treasury, upon execution of a release of all claims she may have against the Commonwealth or any agency, instrumentality, officer, employee, or political subdivision in connection with the aforesaid occurrence, the sum of \$52,293.00 to Mrs. Grimes on or before August 1, 2010, by check issued by the State Treasurer on warrant of the Comptroller.

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