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SENATE BILL NO. 649

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations
on February 6, 2024)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Salim)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 9.1-402 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Line of Duty Act; payment of benefits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 9.1-402 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 9.1-402. Payments to beneficiaries of certain deceased law-enforcement officers, firefighters, etc., and retirees.

A. The beneficiary of a deceased person whose death occurred on or before December 31, 2005, while in the line of duty as the direct or proximate result of the performance of his duty shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$75,000, which shall be paid by the nonparticipating employer or from the Fund on behalf of a participating employer, as applicable, in gratitude for and in recognition of his sacrifice on behalf of the people of the Commonwealth.

B. The beneficiary of a deceased person whose death occurred on or after January 1, 2006, while in the line of duty as the direct or proximate result of the performance of his duty shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$100,000, which shall be paid by the nonparticipating employer or from the Fund on behalf of a participating employer, as applicable, in gratitude for and in recognition of his sacrifice on behalf of the people of the Commonwealth.

C. Subject to the provisions of § 27-40.1, 27-40.2, 51.1-813, or 65.2-402, if the deceased person's death (i) arose out of and in the course of his employment or (ii) was within five years from his date of retirement, his beneficiary shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$25,000 *or, if the deceased person's death occurred on or after January 1, 2025, \$50,000*, which shall be paid by the nonparticipating employer or from the Fund on behalf of a participating employer, as applicable.