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SURVIVOR BENEFIT OF EMPLOYEES

2000 GENERAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

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AN ACT RELATING TO RETIREMENT; AMENDING INSURANCE BENEFIT PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES' SURVIVORS.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

49-8-405, as last amended by Chapter 282, Laws of Utah 1998

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 49-8-405 is amended to read:

- 49-8-405. Insurance benefits for employees' beneficiaries.
- (1) As used in this section:
- (a) "Children" includes stepchildren and legally adopted children.
- (b) "Line of duty death" means a death resulting from external force or violence occasioned by an act of duty as an employee.
- [(1)] (2) The beneficiary of [a peace officer under Title 53, Chapter 13, Peace Officer Classifications,] an employee who is employed by the state and who dies in the line of duty [as defined under Subsection (3),] shall receive:
- (a) the proceeds of a group term life insurance policy in the amount of \$50,000 to be purchased by the division and paid for by the employing unit[-]; and
- (b) a group health insurance policy paid for by the employing unit that covers the employee's:
 - (i) surviving spouse until remarriage; and
 - (ii) unmarried children up to the age of 26.
- [(2)] (3) Any political subdivision [which employs a peace officer under Title 53, Chapter 13, Peace Officer Classifications,] may provide the benefit under Subsection [(1)] (2).
- [(3) "Line of duty death" means a death resulting from external force or violence occasioned by an act of duty as a peace officer.]

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