

**Representative Paul Ray** proposes the following substitute bill:

**NATIONAL GUARD DEATH BENEFIT AMENDMENTS**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray**

Senate Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill provides for a death gratuity for the next of kin of a National Guard member who dies while on state active duty.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► provides for a \$100,000 death gratuity for the next-of-kin of a National Guard member who dies while on state active duty.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

**39-1-59**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 366

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

Section 1. Section **39-1-59** is repealed and reenacted to read:

**39-1-59. Compensation for injury or death.**



26           Within 72 hours of the reported death of a member of the National Guard on state  
27 active duty, the state shall provide a death gratuity payment of \$100,000 to:  
28           (1) the person designated as the recipient of the member's unpaid pay and allowances  
29 in the member's service record; or  
30           (2) if no one is designated, the designated person cannot be found, or the designated  
31 person has predeceased the member, the member's heirs in accordance with Title 75, Chapter 2,  
32 Part 1, Intestate Succession.