

1 **SURVIVOR BENEFIT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

2 **OFFICER**

3 2000 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson**

6 AN ACT RELATING TO RETIREMENT; AMENDING INSURANCE BENEFIT PROVISIONS
7 FOR CERTAIN PEACE OFFICERS' SURVIVORS.

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

9 AMENDS:

10 **49-8-405**, as last amended by Chapter 282, Laws of Utah 1998

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

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

13 **49-8-405. Insurance benefits for peace officers' beneficiaries.**

14 (1) As used in this section:

15 (a) "Children" includes stepchildren and legally adopted children.

16 (b) "Line of duty death" means a death resulting from external force or violence
17 occasioned by an act of duty as a peace officer.

18 ~~[(+)]~~ (2) The beneficiary of a peace officer under Title 53, Chapter 13, Peace Officer
19 Classifications, who is employed by the state and who dies in the line of duty ~~[as defined under~~
20 ~~Subsection (3);]~~ shall receive:

21 (a) the proceeds of a group term life insurance policy in the amount of \$50,000 to be
22 purchased by the division and paid for by the employing unit[-]; and

23 (b) a group health insurance policy paid for by the employing unit that covers the peace
24 officer's:

25 (i) surviving spouse until remarriage; and

26 (ii) unmarried children up to the age of 26.

27 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Any political subdivision which employs a peace officer under Title 53, Chapter

28 13, Peace Officer Classifications, may provide the benefit under Subsection [(1)] (2).
29 [(3) "Line of duty death" means a death resulting from external force or violence
30 occasioned by an act of duty as a peace officer.]

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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