

HB 551 -- Line of Duty Compensation Act

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This bill establishes the Line of Duty Compensation Act which allows a person designated as a law enforcement officer, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or firefighter to file a claim for compensation with the Division of Workers' Compensation in the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations within one year of the death of the law enforcement officer, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or firefighter if the person is killed in the line of duty. The amount of compensation for the claim will be \$100,000, subject to appropriation, for deaths occurring on or after January 1, 2009. A burial benefit of up to \$10,000 will also be payable to the surviving spouse or the estate of a law enforcement officer or firefighter who is killed in the line of duty.

The provisions fo the bill will expire six years from the effective date.