

**SENATE  
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**S.F. No. 825**

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02/04/2019	248	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; creating an open appropriation from the general fund to

1.3 the public safety officer's benefit account; providing for reimbursement for

1.4 continued health insurance coverage; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections

1.5 299A.42; 299A.465, subdivision 4.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 299A.42, is amended to read:

1.8 **299A.42 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER'S BENEFIT ACCOUNT.**

1.9 The public safety officer's benefit account is created in the state treasury. Money in the

1.10 account consists of money transferred and appropriated to that account. Money in the account

1.11 that is not expended in the fiscal year in which it is transferred or appropriated does not

1.12 revert to the general fund until claims for reimbursement under section 299A.465 that are

1.13 submitted in that fiscal year are either paid or denied. A sum sufficient to discharge the

1.14 duties imposed by sections 299A.41 to 299A.47 is annually appropriated from the general

1.15 fund to the account.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 299A.465, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.18 Subd. 4. **Public employer reimbursement.** A public employer subject to this section

1.19 may annually apply by August 1 for the preceding fiscal year to the commissioner of public

1.20 safety for reimbursement to help defray a portion of its costs of complying with this section.

1.21 The commissioner shall provide an equal pro rata share reimbursement to the public employer

1.22 out of the public safety officer's benefit account ~~based on the availability of funds~~ for each

- 2.1 eligible officer, firefighter, and qualifying dependents. Individual shares must not exceed
- 2.2 the actual costs of providing coverage under this section by a public employer.