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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 124

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy
- 02/24/2025 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations
- 03/03/2025 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
Read for the Second Time
- 03/06/2025 Calendar for the Day
Read for the Third Time
Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; allowing for the acceptance of certain gifts related to a

1.3 line of duty death of a public safety officer; authorizing local government

1.4 expenditure for public safety officer killed in the line of duty; amending Minnesota

1.5 Statutes 2024, section 471.198; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,

1.6 chapter 299A.

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

1.8 Section 1. [299A.473] CERTAIN GIFTS ALLOWED AFTER OFFICER KILLED

1.9 IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

1.10 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

1.11 (b) "Gift" means money, real or personal property, a plaque, or a service that is given

1.12 and received without the giver receiving consideration of equal or greater value in return.

1.13 (c) "Killed in the line of duty" has the meaning given in section 299A.41, subdivision

1.14 3.

1.15 (d) "Plaque" means a decorative item with an inscription recognizing an individual for

1.16 an accomplishment.

1.17 (e) "Political subdivision" means a county, home rule charter or statutory city, town, or

1.18 any other political subdivision of the state.

1.19 (f) "Public safety officer" has the meaning given in section 299A.41, subdivision 4.

1.20 Subd. 2. **Gifts; conditions.** Notwithstanding sections 10A.071 and 471.895, a gift may

1.21 be given by any person to one or more public safety officers if all of the following criteria

1.22 are met:

2.1 (1) a public safety officer employed by the same state agency or political subdivision
2.2 as the gift recipient was killed in the line of duty;

2.3 (2) the gift is given during the consecutive 24-month period beginning on the date of
2.4 death of the public safety officer killed in the line of duty;

2.5 (3) the gift honors, commemorates, or provides team morale and cohesion services to
2.6 the gift recipient; and

2.7 (4) the gift is in compliance with applicable gift policies, if the state agency or political
2.8 subdivision has adopted such policies under subdivision 4.

2.9 Subd. 3. **State agency or political subdivision as recipient.** Notwithstanding any law
2.10 or rule to the contrary, a state agency or political subdivision may receive a gift that meets
2.11 the criteria of subdivision 2 on behalf of one or more public safety officers employed by
2.12 the state agency or political subdivision. The gift must be distributed by the state agency or
2.13 political subdivision to the intended public safety officer recipients:

2.14 (1) within one year of the receipt of the gift; and

2.15 (2) in compliance with applicable gift policies, if the state agency or political subdivision
2.16 has adopted such policies under subdivision 4.

2.17 Subd. 4. **Gift policies.** A state agency or political subdivision may adopt policies with
2.18 additional requirements and restrictions for gifts to public safety officers employed by the
2.19 state agency or political subdivision.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
2.21 applies to gifts given on or after that date.

2.22 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 471.198, is amended to read:

2.23 **471.198 EXPENDITURES; NATIONAL NIGHT OUT; LAW ENFORCEMENT**
2.24 **COMMUNITY EVENTS; FALLEN OFFICERS.**

2.25 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

2.26 (b) "Local government" means a home rule charter or statutory city, town, or county.

2.27 (c) "Qualified individual" means an individual with one of the following relationships
2.28 to a local government expending money under this section:

2.29 (1) an employee of the local government;

2.30 (2) an immediate family member of an employee of the local government; or

3.1 (3) an immediate family member of a fallen officer who was employed by the local
3.2 government.

3.3 Subd. 2. Authorized expenditures. ~~(a) Any home rule charter or statutory city or any~~
3.4 ~~town, county, or school district~~ A local government may spend money for the following
3.5 purposes:

3.6 (1) National Night Out events held in the jurisdiction of the local government spending
3.7 the money;

3.8 ~~(b) Any home rule charter or statutory city or any town, county, or school district may~~
3.9 ~~spend money for~~ (2) any event or purpose that the governing body of the local government
3.10 determines will foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the community;

3.11 (3) funding a funeral or memorial for a public safety officer killed in the line of duty;
3.12 and

3.13 (4) funding travel and participation for qualified individuals in national memorial events
3.14 for fallen public safety officers occurring within 24 months of a line-of-duty death of an
3.15 officer or employee of the local government.

3.16 (b) A school district is authorized to spend money for the purposes of paragraph (a),
3.17 clauses (1) and (2).

3.18 Subd. 3. Contributions solicitation. ~~(e)~~ Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the
3.19 contrary, any ~~home rule charter or statutory city, or any town, county,~~ local government or
3.20 school district may, by resolution, authorize officials and staff to solicit contributions for
3.21 the purposes authorized in ~~paragraphs (a) and (b)~~ subdivision 2.

3.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.