

CHAPTER 7--H.F.No. 124

An act relating to public safety; allowing for the acceptance of certain gifts related to a line of duty death of a public safety officer; authorizing local government expenditure for public safety officer killed in the line of duty; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 471.198; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A.

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

Section 1. [299A.473] CERTAIN GIFTS ALLOWED AFTER OFFICER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

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

(b) "Gift" means money, real or personal property, a plaque, or a service that is given and received without the giver receiving consideration of equal or greater value in return.

(c) "Killed in the line of duty" has the meaning given in section 299A.41, subdivision 3.

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

(e) "Political subdivision" means a county, home rule charter or statutory city, town, or any other political subdivision of the state.

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

Subd. 2. State agency or political subdivision as recipient. (a) Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, a state agency or political subdivision may receive a gift under the following circumstances:

(1) a public safety officer employed by the state agency or political subdivision was killed in the line of duty;

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

(3) the gift honors or commemorates the public safety officer who was killed in the line of duty or provides team morale or cohesion services to the agency or political subdivision; and

(4) the gift is in compliance with any applicable gift policies adopted by the state agency or political subdivision.

(b) The gift must be distributed and used by the state agency or political subdivision in compliance with the intentions of the donor:

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

(2) in compliance with any applicable gift policies adopted by the state agency or political subdivision.

Subd. 3. Gift policies. A state agency or political subdivision may adopt policies with additional requirements and restrictions for gifts received under this section.

Subd. 4. **Reporting.** A state agency or political subdivision shall report any gifts received under this section within three months of use or distribution to the commissioner of public safety. The report must specify the amount or description of the gift, its source, and the use to which it was put. The state agency or political subdivision shall also post this information on its website. The commissioner shall include the information received under this subdivision in the report required in section 299A.012, paragraph (b).

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) an employee of the local government;

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

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

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

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

(2) any event or purpose that the governing body of the local government determines will foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the community;

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

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

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

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

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

Presented to the governor April 29, 2025

Signed by the governor April 30, 2025, 12:26 p.m.