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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2939

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring the state to fully fund costs related to the
1.3 continuation of health insurance coverage for certain disabled or deceased peace
1.4 officers or firefighters; providing an open statutory appropriation to accomplish
1.5 this; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299A.465, subdivision 4, by
1.6 adding a subdivision.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299A.465, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 4. Public employer reimbursement. A public employer subject to this section
1.10 may annually apply by August 1 for the preceding fiscal year to the commissioner of public
1.11 safety for reimbursement to help defray a portion of its total costs of complying with this
1.12 section. The commissioner shall provide an equal pro rata share reimbursement to the public
1.13 employer out of the public safety officer's benefit account based on the availability of funds
1.14 for each eligible officer, firefighter, and qualifying dependents. Individual shares must not
1.15 exceed the actual costs of providing coverage under this section by a public employer.

1.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299A.465, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.18 to read:

1.19 Subd. 4a. Annual appropriation. An amount necessary to fully fund the reimbursement
1.20 requests under subdivision 4 is annually appropriated from the general fund to the
1.21 commissioner of public safety for deposit into the public safety officer's benefit account.
1.22 This appropriation is a statutory appropriation as defined in section 16A.011, subdivision
1.23 14a.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.