

PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY 352E.01

352D.10 Added employer contributions

Any added percentage of payroll contributions attributable to earnings of an employee who has elected to participate in the unclassified employees program established pursuant to chapter 352D, which is paid by the employer shall be limited to the amount required to eliminate any currently existing deficit as of June 30, 1971. If such deficit is increased due to additional benefits to employees not participating in the unclassified employees program or due to a change in the actuarially assumed interest rate, the appropriate amount of employer contribution shall be paid toward the purchase of units in the account of each individual member of the unclassified employees program.

[1973 c 624 s 12]

CHAPTER 352E. PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN
LINE OF DUTY [NEW]

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352E.01 Definitions

Subdivision 1. Terms. For the purposes of sections 352E.01 to 352E.05, the terms defined in this section have the meanings here given them.

Subd. 2. Peace officer. "Peace officer" means:

- (a) A police officer employed by the state of Minnesota or any governmental subdivision within the state to enforce the criminal laws;
- (b) A Minnesota highway patrol officer;
- (c) A sheriff or full-time deputy sheriff with power of arrest by warrant;
- (d) A state conservation officer as defined in section 84.028, subdivision 3;
- (e) A person employed by the bureau of criminal apprehension as a police officer with power of arrest by warrant;

(f) A correction officer employed at any correctional institution and charged with maintaining the safety, security, discipline and custody of inmates at such institutions;

(g) A fireman, for the purposes of sections 352E.01 to 352E.05, is a person employed on a full-time basis by a fire department of any governmental subdivision of the state who is engaged in the hazards of fire fighting or a regularly enrolled member of a volunteer fire department who is engaged in the hazards of fire fighting; and

(h) A good samaritan, for the purposes of sections 352E.01 to 352E.05, is a person who complies with the request or direction of a peace officer to assist the officer.

Subd. 3. Spouse. "Spouse" includes a person legally married to the decedent at the time of death.

Subd. 4. Dependent child. A "dependent child" is one who is unmarried and who was either living with or was receiving support contributions from the peace officer at the time of death, including a stepchild, an adopted child, or a posthumous child, and who is

- (a) under 18 years of age;
- (b) over 18 years of age and incapable of self-support because of physical or mental disability; or
- (c) over 18 years of age and a student as defined by section 8101 of Title 5, United States Code.

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352E.02 Peace officers benefit fund

There is hereby created in the state treasury an account to be known as peace officers benefit fund. Funds in the peace officers benefit fund shall consist of moneys appropriated to that fund as provided in section 352E.05.

[1973 c 248 s 2]

352E.03 Workmens compensation commission

Eligibility to receive benefits as herein provided shall be determined by the workmens compensation commission in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 176. A decision of the workmens compensation commission hereunder may be reviewed by the Minnesota supreme court in the same manner and subject to the same procedures governing all other appeals from the decisions of the workmens compensation commission.

[1973 c 248 s 3]

352E.04 Disbursements

Upon certification to the governor by the administrator of any state or governmental subdivision employing peace officers that a peace officer employed by that state or governmental subdivision within this state has been killed in the line of duty, leaving a spouse or one or more eligible dependents, the auditor shall, subject to the approval of the workmens compensation commission, pay the sum of \$25,000 as follows:

- (a) If there is no dependent child, to the spouse;
- (b) If there is no spouse, to the dependent child or children in equal shares;
- (c) If there are both a spouse and one or more dependent children, one half to the spouse and one half to the child or children, in equal shares;
- (d) If there is no surviving spouse or dependent child or children, to the parent or parents dependent for support on the decedent, in equal shares;
- (e) If there is no surviving spouse or dependent child, children or parent, then there shall be no payment made from the peace officers benefit fund. For the purpose of sections 352E.01 to 352E.05, killed in the line of duty shall not include any peace officer who dies as a result of a heart attack.

[1973 c 248 s 4]

352E.05 Appropriation

There is annually appropriated from the general fund to the peace officers benefit fund such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the benefits provided in sections 352E.01 to 352E.05.

[1973 c 248 s 5]

(NOTE: The provisions of sections 352E.01 to 352E.05 are retroactive to January 1, 1973.)