

CHAPTER 176B

PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

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176B.01 DEFINITIONS.*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1986]***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 state 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 firefighter employed on a full-time basis by a fire department of any governmental subdivision of the state who is engaged in the hazards of firefighting or a regularly enrolled member of a volunteer fire department or member of an independent nonprofit firefighting corporation who is engaged in the hazards of fire fighting;

(h) a good samaritan who complies with the request or direction of a peace officer to assist the officer;

(i) a reserve police officer or a reserve deputy sheriff acting under the supervision and authority of a political subdivision; and

(j) a driver or attendant with a licensed basic or advanced life support transportation service who is engaged in providing emergency care.

*[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M.S.1986]***History:** 1987 c 322 s 1**176B.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 money appropriated to that fund. The administrator of the fund is the commissioner of employee relations, who shall follow the procedures specified in section 176.541, subdivisions 2, 3, and 4.

History: 1987 c 332 s 114**176B.05 ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR CLAIMING BENEFITS.**

No fee for legal services which is claimed for the work of an attorney relating to a claim made pursuant to the provisions of sections 176B.01 to 176B.05 is binding unless the amount of the fee charged is determined and approved in writing by the commissioner, compensation judge, or the workers' compensation court of appeals.

History: 1987 c 332 s 115