

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 231

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LAW ENFORCE/OFFICERS: Extends health insurance coverage for the families of law enforcement officers and firemen killed in the line of duty

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1665.2(G)(1) and (2)(b) and to enact R.S. 40:1665(D),
3 relative to financial security for survivors of law enforcement officers and firemen
4 killed in the line of duty; to provide relative to health insurance coverage for the
5 surviving spouse and child of a law enforcement officer or fireman killed in the line
6 of duty for a certain time period; to provide for retroactivity; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:1665.2(G)(1) and (2)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted and
10 R.S. 40:1665(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §1665. Financial security for surviving spouses and children of firemen in certain
12 cases

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14 D.(1) The employer of a fireman who suffers death as a result of any injury
15 arising out of and in the course of the performance of his official duties as a fireman,
16 or arising out of any activity while on or off duty in his capacity as a fireman in the
17 protection of life or property shall provide and pay for health insurance coverage for
18 the fireman's surviving spouse for the remainder of the surviving spouse's life
19 following the death of the fireman.

Present law provides health insurance to the children of the law enforcement officer for two years following the death of the law enforcement officer or until the child no longer meets the qualifications provided in present law, whichever comes first. The qualifications of present law are that the child is under 18 years of age, is under 23 years of age if regularly attending secondary school or an accredited college or university, or is physically or mentally disabled.

Proposed law removes the two-year limitation for health insurance benefits and extends the availability of health insurance benefits to the children of firemen who were killed in the line of duty.

Proposed law applies retroactively.

(Amends R.S. 40:1665.2(G)(1) and (2)(b); Adds R.S. 40:1665(D))