

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Peacock

Prior law provided for the survivor benefit for the spouse and children of any sworn commissioned law enforcement officer of the office of state police, who was first eligible for the Louisiana State Police Retirement System (LSPRS) on or before December 31, 2010, and who was killed in the line of duty or dies from immediate effects of an injury received while in the line of duty. Prior law provided that the benefit shall be equal to 75% of the salary received by the officer at the time of death and shall be paid until the death of the surviving spouse notwithstanding any forfeiture provisions in prior law (R.S. 11:1321).

New law provides for the survivor benefit for the spouse and children of any sworn commissioned law enforcement officer of the office of state police, who was first eligible for the LSPRS on or before December 31, 2010, and who was killed in the line of duty by an intentional act of violence. New law provides that the benefit shall be equal to 100% of the salary received by the officer at the time of death and shall be paid until the death of the surviving spouse notwithstanding any forfeiture provisions in prior law (R.S. 11:1321).

New law provides that any surviving spouse of a member who was first eligible for the LSPRS on or before December 31, 2010, killed on or before June 29, 2017, by an intentional act of violence who would qualify for the survivor benefit provided for in new law shall have any survivor benefit payable on or after June 30, 2017, increased to the amount calculated pursuant to new law regardless of the date of death of the member.

Prior law provided for the survivor benefit for the spouse and children of any sworn commissioned law enforcement officer of the office of state police who was first eligible for the LSPRS on or after January 1, 2011, and who was killed in the line of duty or died from immediate effects of an injury received while in the line of duty. Prior law provided that the benefit shall be equal to 80% of the officer's average compensation without regard to the amount of time that the deceased was a member of the plan.

New law provides for the survivor benefit for the spouse and children of any sworn commissioned law enforcement officer of the office of state police who was first eligible for the LSPRS on or after January 1, 2011, and who was killed in the line of duty by an intentional act of violence. New law provides that the benefit shall be equal to 100% of the officer's salary without regard to the amount of time that the deceased was a member of the plan.

New law provides that any surviving spouse of a member who was first eligible for the LSPRS on or after January 1, 2011, killed on or before June 29, 2017, by an intentional act of violence who would qualify for the survivor benefit provided for in new law shall have any survivor benefit payable on or after June 30, 2017, increased to the amount calculated pursuant to new law regardless of the date of death of the member.

New law makes technical changes to clarify that the survivor benefit shall be paid until the death of the surviving spouse notwithstanding any forfeiture provisions in prior law (R.S. 11:1321).

New law requires that the LSPRS board of trustees electronically notify all members of the legislature when a survivor benefit is granted pursuant to new law (R.S. 11:1316(A)(2) or R.S. 11:1345.8(A)(2)).

Effective June 30, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 11:1316 and 1345.8)