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## **SENATE BILL 48**

### **SPONSOR STATEMENT**

Insurance for Dependents of Deceased Fire/Police

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Senate Bill 48 provides for medical insurance coverage for eligible surviving dependents of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty.

The bill establishes a fund to be administered by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. The fund consists of a municipal employee account and a state employee account. Municipalities may elect to participate in the fund and bear the cost of the benefit.

Currently, surviving dependents may lose health insurance coverage following a line of duty death. This legislation is necessary to ensure that eligible surviving dependents continue to receive medical insurance coverage at the same level that existed at the time of death. I ask for your support.