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## **SENATE BILL 48**

### **SPONSOR STATEMENT**

Insurance for Dependents of Deceased Fire/Police  
Version U

Senate Bill 48 provides for medical insurance coverage for eligible surviving dependents of a peace 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. I ask for your support.