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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 257

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH BENEFITS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend § 6602(a)(1), Title 18 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through
2 and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 6602 Payment for beneficiaries; tuition payments; burial expenses

4 (a) Upon certification by the Insurance Commissioner that a claim under this chapter has been approved, the State
5 Treasurer shall:

6 (1) For claims submitted prior to July 1, 1997, pay to the beneficiary or beneficiaries as designated or
7 determined pursuant to § 6603(a) of this title of every covered person who dies in the line of duty an amount totalling
8 \$100,000, payable in annual installments with the maximum amount payable in any 1 calendar year being \$20,000. For
9 claims submitted on July 1, 1997, and thereafter, pay to the beneficiary or beneficiaries as designated or determined
10 pursuant to § 6603(a) of this title of every covered person who dies in the line of duty an amount totaling ~~\$150,000~~
11 \$200,000, payable in annual installments with the maximum amount payable in any 1 calendar year being ~~\$30,000~~
12 \$40,000. Installments shall terminate with the expiration of the beneficiary's eligibility;

SYNOPSIS

This bill increases the line of duty death benefits from \$150,000 to \$200,000 for those persons covered under Chapter 66, Title 18 of the Delaware Code. Additionally, the bill increases the maximum amount payable in any year from \$30,000 to \$40,000.