

143RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FISCAL NOTE

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 407
SPONSOR: Representative Lofink
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Effective upon enactment.
2. This Act extends Line-of-Duty death benefits to any Delaware domiciled member of the U.S. Armed Forces and Delaware National Guard activated for federal service under Title 10 of the U.S. Code.
3. There have been thirteen (13) Delaware associated deaths since March of 2003 that may have qualified for line-of-duty death benefits under the provisions of this Act.
4. The extension of benefits is not retroactive. If retroactive, total benefit liability to the State's Self-Insurance Fund would approximate \$2,000,000.
5. The Delaware associated decedents are assumed to have been declared domiciled in Delaware.
6. Prospective qualifying deaths will average three per year.
7. Education benefits will not be relevant throughout the estimation period.
8. Benefits will total \$150,000 per qualifying death paid over a five year period.

COST:

<u>FY 2006</u>	-0-
<u>FY 2007</u>	\$ 90,000
<u>FY 2008</u>	\$180,000
<u>FY 2009</u>	\$270,000