149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 257**
AS AMENDED BY:	**HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Mitchell**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH BENEFITS.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act would become effective in Fiscal Year 2018.

2. This Act increases the total line of duty death benefit for claims submitted after July 1, 2017 from $150,000 to $200,000 and increases the maximum annual payable amount from $30,000 to $40,000 for those persons covered under Chapter 66, Title 18 of the Delaware Code.

3. There have been a total of twenty-four (24) line of duty claims since July 1, 1997. This fiscal impact assumes the State will pay one (1) line of duty death benefit claim annually based on the trend of claims paid by the State since 1997. The claims are paid over a 5 year period.

Cost:

FY 2018: $10,000 for 1 new claim

FY 2019: $20,000 for 1 new claim + FY 18 claim

FY 2020: $30,000 for 1 new claim + FY 18 claim + FY 19 claim

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