

1 AN ACT concerning compensation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Law Enforcement Officers, Civil Defense
5 Workers, Civil Air Patrol Members, Paramedics, Firemen,
6 Chaplains, and State Employees Compensation Act is amended by
7 changing Section 3 as follows:

8 (820 ILCS 315/3) (from Ch. 48, par. 283)

9 Sec. 3. If a claim therefor is made within one year of
10 the date of death of the law enforcement officer, civil
11 defense worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman,
12 chaplain, or State employee, compensation in the amount of
13 \$10,000 shall be paid to the person designated by a law
14 enforcement officer, civil defense worker, civil air patrol
15 member, paramedic, fireman, chaplain, or State employee
16 killed in the line of duty prior to January 1, 1974, and
17 \$20,000 if such death occurred after December 31, 1973 and
18 before July 1, 1983, \$50,000 if such death occurred on or
19 after July 1, 1983 and before January 1, 1996 ~~the effective~~
20 ~~date of this amendatory Act of 1995,~~ and \$100,000 if the
21 death occurred on or after January 1, 1996 and before the
22 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General
23 Assembly, and \$118,000 if the death occurred on or after the
24 effective date of this Amendatory Act of the 92nd General
25 Assembly and before January 1, 2003. Beginning January 1,
26 2003, the death compensation rate shall be increased on
27 January 1 of each year by an amount equal to 3% of the
28 compensation amount payable for a death occurring in the
29 previous year ~~the effective date of this amendatory Act of~~
30 1995. If no beneficiary is designated or surviving at the
31 death of the law enforcement officer, civil defense worker,

1 civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman, chaplain, or
2 State employee killed in the line of duty, the compensation
3 shall be paid as follows:

4 (a) when there is a surviving spouse, the entire sum
5 shall be paid to the spouse;

6 (b) when there is no surviving spouse, but a surviving
7 descendant of the decedent, the entire sum shall be paid to
8 the decedent's descendants per stirpes;

9 (c) when there is neither a surviving spouse nor a
10 surviving descendant, the entire sum shall be paid to the
11 parents of the decedent in equal parts, allowing to the
12 surviving parent, if one is dead, the entire sum.

13 (d) when there is no surviving spouse, descendant or
14 parent of the decedent, but there are surviving brothers or
15 sisters, or descendants of a brother or sister, who were
16 receiving their principal support from the decedent at his
17 death, the entire sum shall be paid, in equal parts, to the
18 dependent brothers or sisters or dependent descendant of a
19 brother or sister. Dependency shall be determined by the
20 Court of Claims based upon the investigation and report of
21 the Attorney General.

22 When there is no beneficiary designated or surviving at
23 the death of the law enforcement officer, civil defense
24 worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman,
25 chaplain, or State employee killed in the line of duty and no
26 surviving spouse, descendant, parent nor dependent brother or
27 sister, or dependent descendant of a brother or sister, no
28 compensation shall be payable under this Act.

29 No part of such compensation may be paid to any other
30 person for any efforts in securing such compensation.

31 (Source: P.A. 89-323, eff. 1-1-96.)

32 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
33 becoming law.