



Bill Number: H.C.R. 2027

Mesnard Floor Amendment

Reference to: Appropriations Committee Amendment

Amendment drafted by: Leg Council

## FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION

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1. Expands the definition of *first responder* to include Arizona National Guard members and Correctional officers at the Arizona Department of Corrections, thereby making their spouses and children eligible to receive the state death benefit.
2. Caps the state death benefit at \$250,000, rather than the difference between \$1,000,000 and the sum of any other death benefits received from governmental entities.
3. Requires the State Treasurer to pay the death benefit within 30 days of receiving written notice of a first responder's death from the first responder's employer.
4. Requires the death benefit to be paid to the first responder's surviving spouse, or if the first responder does not have a surviving spouse, the death benefit must be divided equally among the first responder's children.
5. Repeals the state death benefit and the state supplemental benefit fund on January 1, 2032.
6. Specifies that the new two percent surcharge is only to be collected from the effective date of this legislation to January 1, 2032.
7. Removes the delayed effective date.
8. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Amendment explanation prepared by Zack Dean

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MESNARD FLOOR AMENDMENT  
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.C.R. 2027  
(Reference to APPROPRIATIONS Committee amendment)

- 1 Page 1, line 1, strike "enacting" insert "resolving"
- 2 Page 2, line 8, after "C." insert "BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
3 AMENDMENT TO THIS SECTION THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2031,"
- 4 Page 3, line 31, after "K." insert "BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
5 AMENDMENT TO THIS SECTION THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2031,"
- 6 Page 10, line 26, after "13-1204" insert "AND INCLUDES A MEMBER OF THE ARIZONA  
7 NATIONAL GUARD WHO IS ON STATE ACTIVE DUTY IN THIS STATE AND A CORRECTIONAL  
8 OFFICER WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS"
- 9 Lines 31 and 32, strike "FROM AND AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2022" insert "ON THE  
10 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION"
- 11 Page 11, line 1, after the comma insert "ON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE STATE TREASURER  
12 FROM THE FIRST RESPONDER'S EMPLOYER"; after "PAY" insert "A STATE DEATH  
13 BENEFIT OF \$250,000"
- 14 Line 2, after "SPOUSE" insert a period strike remainder of line
- 15 Strike lines 3 and 4, insert "IF THE FIRST RESPONDER DOES NOT HAVE A SURVIVING  
16 SPOUSE AND HAS CHILDREN, THE STATE SHALL PAY A STATE DEATH BENEFIT OF  
17 \$250,000, DIVIDED EQUALLY, AMONG THE FIRST RESPONDER'S CHILDREN. THE STATE  
18 SHALL PAY THE DEATH BENEFIT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE WRITTEN  
19 NOTICE FROM THE FIRST RESPONDER'S EMPLOYER."
- 20 Between lines 10 and 11, insert:
- 21 "Sec. 4. Delayed repeal
- 22 Title 38, chapter 8, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by
- 23 this act, is repealed from and after December 31, 2031."
- 24 Renumber to conform

Senate Amendments to H.C.R. 2027

- 1 Page 14, strike lines 3 through 7
- 2 Renumber to conform
- 3 Amend title to conform

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