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Arizona House of Representatives

Representative Mark Finchem (R-11)

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Bill Provides Housing Assistance for Families of Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Killed In the Line Of Duty

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Legislation recently introduced by Representative Mark Finchem (R-11) would establish a supplemental benefit program to provide survivors of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty a monthly benefit payment to pay for housing costs for one year.

[HB2440](#), passed by the House Public Safety Committee today, establishes a Transitional Housing Benefit Fund from which costs would be paid. The bill appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund for this line of duty death housing benefit.

“On average we see three law enforcement officers die in the line of duty every year,” said Representative Finchem. **“Their families have enough to deal with after their family member dies serving others. This modest benefit is truly a ‘love note’ from nearly nine million Arizonans, saying we want you to have time to grieve and rebuild your life without worrying about where you will live or if you will lose your home.”**

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