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I am in Support of this Bill and increasing the "Line-Of-Duty" Compensation Payment.



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My name is Brian Zinanni, and I am the State Coordinator for Supporting Heroes, a charitable organization that serves the families of fallen public safety officers. One of the ways we support them is through filing for benefits the family may be entitled to. I see first hand the devastation of families when a public safety officer dies in the line of duty. I know first hand what this benefit means to families of our fallen. This benefit not only serves to let the families of our public safety officers know we support them, but the ability to achieve this benefit unlocks many other support opportunities to those families. Achieving this benefit unlocks the ability to be recognized and honored at memorial services and unlocks ability to participate in survivor programming which include kids camp (a camp for kids who have also lost a parent in the line of duty), and wellness retreats for adult survivors. The value of this legislation far surpasses the "face value" dollar amount that the family receives. So much so, that I believe it warrants removal of the sunset clause, so families never have to be concerned about the security this legislation provides to them and loss of the support pieces that are tied to a state level line of duty death benefit. There is opportunity for improvement of this bill, to better serve the families fallen public safety officers. Besides the above mentioned removal of the sunset clause, removal of the clause which requires death to occur within 300 weeks of injury would be beneficial. An example where this becomes an issue, played out recently. A police officer who was shot in the head, yet survived this initial catastrophic injury and lived. It is highly likely that the injuries he received will eventually contribute to his death. If he lives for 6 years (with the extremely limited capacities he has left), then succumbs to the impact of his injuries - his family will not be eligible for the line of duty death benefit (line 43 "d" of the language). In essence, the death of this police officer may not happen fast enough for his family to be eligible for this benefit. I also would support increasing the 1 year filing requirement. There have been cases where investigation into the death has taken longer than the 1 year deadline, prohibiting families from filing a complete application (which is required for the application to be valid). I personally served a family where the death investigation took 54 weeks to complete, and the family was denied benefits due to this. In the appeal process it was outlined that a complete application as required for submission (by the printed directions on the application) could not be achieved due to the investigation not being complete. Due to no fault of the family, they were denied these benefits. Please note -the Federal Public Safety Officer Benefits act allows for 3 years to file with consideration of extenuating circumstances after that deadline. Thank you for allowing my testimony in support of this legislation.



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The Missouri State Council of Fire Fighters respectfully submits this testimony in favor of HB365 and would like to thank it's sponsor Representative Amaro. The MSCFF puts priority on the risks its members take performing the duties of their jobs. The dangers and effects of a career in the fire service exist not only on the fire ground while on duty, but off duty due to the cumulative effect of what we see and the hazardous chemicals we are exposed to. When a Brother or Sister in the fire service dies in the line of duty it is our duty as Fire Fighters and Missourians to ensure that the family is taken care of. The Missouri Line of Duty Death Benefit is essential as a first step in achieving that goal. This state benefit sunsets in June of this year. I would urge the members of the 2025 legislative body to consider adding an emergency clause to ensure it's passage prior to 8/25, removing the sunset provision, and extending the deadline for applying for the benefit from 12 months to 24 months. This will give families that have lost a loved one in the line of duty the much needed time to get their affairs in order and not lose out on this vital benefit because of paperwork or bureaucracy. Respectfully submitted, Cory Hogan IAFF Local 2665, MSCFF Legislative Advisor



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I am opposed to these bills as they:• significantly broaden Missouri's self-defense laws, lowering the threshold for justified deadly force in public settings.• shift the legal burden to prosecutors, requiring them to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant's claim of self-defense in these scenarios was unjustified.• remove the duty to retreat in public and commercial spaces, broadening circumstances where lethal force is legally permissible.