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HOUSE BILL NO. 1317

Offered January 16, 2026

A BILL to amend and reenact § 9.1-402 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Line of Duty Act; payments to beneficiaries.

Patron—Willett

Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 9.1-402 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 9.1-402. Payments to beneficiaries of certain deceased law-enforcement officers, firefighters, etc., and retirees.

13 and Peacemakers.
14 A. The beneficiary of a deceased person whose death occurred on or before December 31, 2005, while in
15 the line of duty as the direct or proximate result of the performance of his duty shall be entitled to receive the
16 sum of \$75,000, which shall be paid by the nonparticipating employer or from the Fund on behalf of a
17 participating employer, a contributing nonprofit private institution of higher education, or a contributing
18 private police department, as applicable, in gratitude for and in recognition of his sacrifice on behalf of the
people of the Commonwealth.

19 B. The beneficiary of a deceased person whose death occurred on or after January 1, 2006, while in the
20 line of duty as the direct or proximate result of the performance of his duty shall be entitled to receive the
21 sum of \$100,000, which shall be paid by the nonparticipating employer, the contributing nonprofit private
22 institution of higher education, or the contributing private police department or from the Fund on behalf of a
23 participating employer, as applicable, in gratitude for and in recognition of his sacrifice on behalf of the
24 people of the Commonwealth.

25 C. Subject to the provisions of § 27-40.1, 27-40.2, 51.1-813, or 65.2-402, if the deceased person's death (i)
26 arose out of and in the course of his employment or, (ii) was within five years from his date of retirement, or
27 (iii) was caused by one of the cancers listed in subsection C of § 65.2-402 and was within 10 years from his
28 date of retirement, his beneficiary shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$25,000 or, if the deceased person's
29 death occurred on or after January 1, 2025, \$75,000, which shall be paid by the nonparticipating employer or
30 from the Fund on behalf of a participating employer, a contributing nonprofit private institution of higher
31 education, or a contributing private police department, as applicable. For a campus police officer employed
32 by a contributing nonprofit private institution of higher education or a private police officer employed by a
33 contributing private police department, such officer's date of retirement shall be determined by VRS in
34 consultation with the contributing nonprofit private institution of higher education or the contributing private
35 police department, respectively.