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Bill Summary

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Overview

House File 49 amends the law, originally enacted in 1997, that provides for continued health insurance coverage for dependents of a peace officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty. The bill allows the commissioner of public safety to adopt rules related to the provision and specifies that "dependents" includes a spouse who was not covered but eligible for dependant coverage or who later becomes eligible.

- 1 Rules.** Allows the commissioner of public safety to adopt rules under the state administrative procedures act to implement the law providing for health insurance coverage for peace officers and firefighters injured or killed in the line of duty.
- 2 Officer or firefighter killed in line of duty.** Specifies that health coverage continued for a peace officer's or firefighter's dependents includes the spouse if the spouse was not covered as a dependent at the time of the officer's or firefighter's death but was eligible, or later became eligible, to be a dependent on the employer's group health plan.
- 3 Effective date.** Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day after enactment and section 2 applies to health coverage on or after that date for dependents of peace officers or firefighters killed on or after November 1, 1997.