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This bill conforms Minnesota's definition of "killed in the line of duty" with the definition found in the federal Hometown Heroes Act for purposes of awarding benefits to the survivors of public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty. The key changes are that the definition (1) expands coverage for accidental deaths while on duty from just peace officers to all public safety officers and (2) expands coverage to officers who die from work-connected heart attacks, strokes, and vascular ruptures.

The bill also amends the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), chapter (353), by adding a provision that includes peace officer deaths covered under chapter 299A as part of the definition of "line of duty death" used in the PERA chapter.