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1 AN ACT Relating to a death benefit award for certain law
2 enforcement officers, fire fighters, and commissioned employees of the
3 Washington state patrol who die in the line of duty; adding a new
4 section to chapter 41.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.26
5 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW; and declaring an
6 emergency.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.04 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) Effective January 1, 1994, a one hundred fifty thousand dollar
11 death benefit award is granted for dying in the line of duty to any law
12 enforcement officer or fire fighter, defined under chapter 41.26 RCW,
13 or to any appointee of the governor or chief of the Washington state
14 patrol under RCW 43.43.020.

15 (2) The award under subsection (1) of this section shall be funded
16 by the legislature as a sundry claim in the omnibus appropriations bill
17 under RCW 43.88.080.

1 (3) The director of the department of retirement systems shall
2 adopt rules for implementing the death benefit award. Entitlement to
3 the death benefit award is retroactive to January 1, 1994.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.26 RCW
5 under the subchapter heading "provisions applicable to plan I and plan
6 II" to read as follows:

7 A law enforcement officer or fire fighter is entitled to a death
8 benefit award under section 1 of this act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 An appointee under RCW 43.43.020 is entitled to a death benefit
12 award under section 1 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
15 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
16 effect immediately.

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