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## HOUSE BILL 2708

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By Representatives Clements and Delvin

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

- 1 AN ACT Relating to life insurance for families of law enforcement
- 2 officers and fire fighters killed in the line of duty; adding a new
- 3 section to chapter 41.05 RCW; and making an appropriation.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (1) The public employees' benefits board shall purchase up to ten
- 8 life insurance policies with a face value of five hundred thousand
- 9 dollars each, or one group policy covering up to ten persons with
- 10 coverage of five hundred thousand dollars per person, on behalf of the
- 11 state to provide benefits to the spouse and minor children of a state
- 12 patrol officer, police officer, sheriff, or fire fighter, or a
- 13 volunteer law enforcement officer or fire fighter, killed in the line
- 14 of duty. The board shall purchase the policies from an insurer
- 15 authorized to sell life insurance policies in this state; if no such
- 16 insurer will provide the life insurance policies under this section,
- 17 the board shall purchase the policies through a surplus lines broker
- 18 under chapter 48.15 RCW.

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- (2) The board shall establish an advisory committee comprised of a 1 representative of the Washington state patrol, a representative of city 2 3 police officers, a representative of county sheriffs, 4 representative of fire fighters. The advisory committee shall assist the board in designing the specifics of the life insurance policies to 5 ensure a proper insurable interest, in defining the criteria under 6 7 which the policies will apply, and providing other advice on the 8 administration of this section.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** The sum of forty thousand dollars, or as 10 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium 11 ending June 30, 2001, from the general fund to the health care 12 authority for the public employees' benefits board to purchase life 13 insurance policies under section 1 of this act.

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