

By Senator Posey

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to public officers and  
3           employees; amending s. 112.19, F.S.; providing  
4           a short title; providing additional death  
5           benefits for certain officers killed at the  
6           scene of a traffic accident or while enforcing  
7           a traffic law or ordinance; providing an  
8           effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Deputy James  
13 M. Weaver Act."

14           Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
15 112.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16           112.19 Law enforcement, correctional, and correctional  
17 probation officers; death benefits.--

18           (2)

19           (b) The sum of \$50,000, ~~as~~ adjusted pursuant to  
20 paragraph (j), shall be paid ~~as provided in this section~~ if a  
21 law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation  
22 officer is accidentally killed as specified in paragraph (a)  
23 and the accidental death occurs as a result of the officer's  
24 response to fresh pursuit or to the officer's response to what  
25 is reasonably believed to be an emergency, or if the officer  
26 is accidentally killed at the scene of a traffic accident or  
27 while enforcing what is reasonably believed to be a traffic  
28 law or ordinance. This sum is in addition to any sum provided  
29 for in paragraph (a). Notwithstanding any other provision of  
30 law, in no case shall the amount payable under this subsection  
31 be less than the actual amount stated therein.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides as additional \$50,000 death benefit for certain law enforcement or correctional officers who are killed at the scene of a traffic accident or while enforcing a traffic law or ordinance.