

SENATE BILL NO. 834

April 18, 2024, Introduced by Senators HERTEL, POLEHANKI, BAYER, MCCANN, WOJNO, SANTANA, CHANG, GEISS and MCBROOM and referred to the Committee on Veterans and Emergency Services.

A bill to amend 2004 PA 46, entitled
"Public safety officers benefit act,"
by amending section 4 (MCL 28.634).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 4. (1) If a public safety officer dies or is permanently
2 and totally disabled as the direct and proximate result of a
3 personal injury sustained in the line of duty, ~~the~~**this** state shall
4 pay a benefit of ~~\$25,000.00~~**\$50,000.00** to 1 of the following:
5 (a) If the deceased public safety officer leaves a surviving

1 spouse, to that surviving spouse.

2 (b) If the deceased public safety officer does not leave a
3 surviving spouse, to ~~his or her~~ **the deceased public safety**
4 **officer's** dependents.

5 (c) If the public safety officer does not leave a surviving
6 spouse or any surviving dependents, payment ~~shall~~ **must** be made to
7 the estate of the deceased public safety officer.

8 (d) If the public safety officer is permanently and totally
9 disabled, to the spouse, but if there is no spouse, to the
10 dependents, and if there are no dependents, then to the entity
11 providing care to the permanently and totally disabled public
12 safety officer.

13 (2) The benefit ~~shall~~ **must** be paid in addition to any other
14 benefit that the beneficiary receives due to the death of the
15 public safety officer.