No. 2006-89

AN ACT ·

HB 2627

Amending the act of October 6, 2005 (P.L.319, No.59), entitled "An act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), entitled, as amended, 'An act providing for the payment of death benefits to the surviving spouse or children or parents of firefighters, ambulance service or rescue squad members, law enforcement officers or National Guard members killed in the performance of their duties,' further providing for death benefit eligibility and for definitions," further providing for retroactivity of death benefit eligibility.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 4 of the act of October 6, 2005 (P.L.319, No.59), entitled "An act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), entitled, as amended, 'An act providing for the payment of death benefits to the surviving spouse or children or parents of firefighters, ambulance service or rescue squad members, law enforcement officers or National Guard members killed in the performance of their duties," is amended to read:

Section 4. [The amendment or addition of section 1(a.1), (d) and (e) of the act shall apply retroactively to include any certificate of death of an eligible firefighter, ambulance service or rescue squad member, law enforcement officer or National Guard member who died as a result of the performance of his or her duties filed on or after December 15, 2003.] The amendment or addition of section 1(a.1), (d) and (e) of the act shall apply retroactively to include any certificate of death of an eligible firefighter, ambulance service or rescue squad member, law enforcement officer or National Guard member who died as a result of the performance of his or her duties filed on or after December 15, 2003, or where the claim for benefits as the result of a death on or after November 15, 2003, had not been finally adjudicated on December 15, 2003.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 7th day of July, A.D. 2006.

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