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# Bill Summary

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## Overview

This bill permits a domestic partner to be the beneficiary of an award of damages resulting from a wrongful death suit.

Section

**1** **Wrongful death claims against the state.** Permits a wrongful death claim against the state of Minnesota to be brought by a domestic partner of the deceased person.

**2** **Wrongful death claims against a local unit of government.** Permits a wrongful death claim against a local unit of government to be brought by a domestic partner of the deceased person.

**3** **Wrongful death damages.** Permits the financial recovery in a wrongful death action to be for the exclusive benefit of a surviving domestic partner in addition to next of kin.

A definition of "domestic partner" is provided.

**4** **Trustee for action.** Permits a domestic partner to file a petition requesting a court appoint a trustee to continue or commence a claim for damages resulting from the deceased person's injury and death.