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Section

- 1** **Volunteer firefighter killed in line of duty.** Provides that, when a volunteer firefighter is killed in the line of duty, the municipality that operates the fire department the volunteer firefighter serves with shall provide health insurance coverage to the volunteer firefighter's dependents. The municipality shall pay the same level of contribution to cover the volunteer firefighter's dependents as is currently required for a deceased professional firefighter's dependents. Insurance coverage continues as long as the person is a dependent, up until the age of 65.
- 2** **Definition.** Defines "volunteer firefighter" and "fire department" for purposes of section 1.
- 3** **Reporting firefighter deaths.** Requires the fire chief of a deceased firefighter to report the death to the state fire marshal. The notification must include the cause and circumstances of the death.