

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 4371</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Introduced</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>8902</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Ford</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>FY-2023 = Minimal</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 4371 provides that weekly workers' compensation income benefits payable to the surviving spouse of a municipal police officer, municipal firefighter, county sheriff, deputy sheriff, state trooper, or emergency medical technician will continue whether or not the surviving spouse remarries.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure, as introduced, would allow surviving spouses of police officers, firefighters, county sheriffs, county deputy sheriffs, state troopers, and emergency medical technicians to continue to receive weekly income death benefits whether or not the surviving spouse remarries.

Upon review, and with consultation from the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, passage of the measure may have a minimal fiscal impact to the state for FY-2023. This would result from claims for state troopers, who are state employees.

Any potential impact would be consistent with and absorbable within the existing workers compensation structure for state employees.

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**Other Considerations**

OMES indicates that based on current claims, approximately \$61,000 in benefits would continue to be paid out in FY-2023.