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House Bill 153, introduced by Rep. David Floyd for the 2010 Kentucky Legislative Session, would amend KRS 61.315 and extend the Kentucky Line-Of-Duty-Death Benefit to every paid or volunteer emergency medical responder who is employed by or volunteers his or her services to an ambulance service licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 311A.

- ❑ This benefit is currently provided to police officers and to those in the fire service
- ❑ Emergency medical responders stand alongside police offices and firefighters daily and encounter many of the same risks
- ❑ Twenty-two (22) emergency medical responders have died in the line-of-duty in the Commonwealth since 1960
- ❑ Of these twenty-two (22) medical line-of-duty deaths, sixteen (16) are ineligible for the benefit, while the remainder are currently protected under the fire service or law enforcement benefit.
- ❑ During the past decade, two (2) individuals would have qualified while two (2) others may have potentially qualified. Therefore, the fiscal impact is minimal.

| Decade | EMS Deaths In Line of Duty | Covered by Fire/Law/Other | If Current - would be covered by HB 153 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1960- 1969 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 1970-1979 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 1980-1989 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1990-1999 | 13 | 1 | 12 |
| 2000-2009 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| 50 Year Total | 22 | 5 | 17 |

| Name | Expected to qualify for retroactive benefits under HB 153 | Fire/Police LODD Eligible | If Current Would be Covered by HB 153 |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Whitworth Sr., Delmar Jefferson County Police Dept. May 24, 1960 | No A first aid trained police officer who was killed in a motor vehicle crash while transporting a patient in a "stretcher car." | Yes | No |
| Van Cleve, Armand E. Shively Police Dept. Apr. 25, 1974 | No A first aid trained police officer who was in the back seat of a police cruiser caring for a patient being transported to the hospital, and who died from injuries received in a motor vehicle crash during transport. | Yes | No |
| Vinzant, Rick William City of Louisville EMS Feb. 3, 1983 | No An EMT who died of a heart attack while on the scene caring for a gunshot wound patient. | No | YES |
| Watkins, Monroe Mountain Ambulance Service Jun. 22, 1991 | No An EMT killed in a crash with a coal truck while returning to their home county following a patient transport. | No | YES |
| Johnson, Billy Dean Lifeline Ambulance Service Dec. 7, 1991 | No A paramedic killed in a motor vehicle crash while transporting a patient. | No | YES |
| Vanderpool, Johnnie G&B Ambulance Service Sept. 14, 1992 | No An EMT killed while transporting a patient in a motor vehicle crash with a coal truck that resulted in the ambulance catching fire and exploding. | No | YES |
| Lowe, James Everett G&B Ambulance Service Sep. 14, 1992 | No An EMT killed while transporting a patient in a motor vehicle crash with a coal truck that resulted in the ambulance catching fire and exploding. | No | YES |
| Allgood, Harold Bradley Mount Washington Vol. Fire Dept. Nov. 15, 1993 | No An EMT killed on the tailboard of a fire apparatus in a motor vehicle crash while responding to a motor vehicle crash. | YES | No |
| Aldridge, Roxanna Lynn Caldwell County Rescue Squad Nov. 23, 1994 | No An EMT who collapsed while responding to a motor vehicle crash and died of a pulmonary embolism. | No | YES |
| Carpenter, Michael W. Hearne Ambulance Service Dec. 2, 1994 | No An EMT killed in a motor vehicle crash while transporting a patient to the hospital. | No | YES |

| Name | Expected to qualify for retroactive benefits under BR 494 | Fire/Police LODD Eligible | If Current Would be Covered by HB 153 |
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| Compton, John F. P & B Ambulance Service Jan. 26, 1994 | No An EMT who died of an apparent heart attack while driving an ambulance. | No | YES |
| Long Jr., Tom USA MEDDAC, Fort Campbell Oct. 8, 1998 | No An EMT who suffered cardiac arrest while on-duty. | No | YES |
| Greene, Donald University of Kentucky Air Medical Service Jun. 14, 1999 | No An EMS pilot killed in an air medical helicopter crash in dense fog. | No | YES |
| Harden, Brian Lewis University of Kentucky Air Medical Service Jun. 14, 1999 | No A flight paramedic killed in an air medical helicopter crash in dense fog. | No | YES |
| Jones Jr., Ernest L. University of Kentucky Air Medical Service Jun. 14, 1999 | No An EMS pilot killed in an air medical helicopter crash in dense fog. | No | YES |
| Zellers, Sheila Marie University of Kentucky Air Medical Service Jun. 14, 1999 | No A flight nurse killed in an air medical helicopter crash in dense fog. | No | YES |
| Shepherd, Sandy G&B Ambulance Service May 15, 2001 | No An EMT who died from injuries received when her ambulance was struck by a drunk driver while transporting a patient. | No | YES |
| Jennemann, Brian Nathanial Jefferson County EMS July 20, 2001 | No An EMT who lost his life after a brief battle with meningococcal meningitis. | No | YES |
| Hunter, John Allen's Ambulance Service Oct. 14, 2002 | Potential depending on final Administrative Regulation A paramedic who suffered full cardiac arrest after returning from a call. | No | YES |
| Cowan, Brenda Lexington Division of Fire and Emergency Services Feb. 13, 2004 | No A paramedic gunned down while treating a patient at the scene of a shooting. | YES | No |
| Burchett, Christa Dawn City of Paintsville Fire-Rescue-EMS Jan. 22, 2008 | No A paramedic who was killed, along with her patient, while standing at the door to the ambulance when they were struck by an 18-wheel tractor trailer truck loaded with coal which had lost control on icy roads at the scene of a motor vehicle crash. | YES | No |
| Fryman, James Earl Travis MedCorp Inc. Jan. 26, 2008 | Potential depending on final Administrative Regulation A paramedic involved in a single-vehicle accident while undertaking the duty of "proper attendance of death." | No | YES |