

SENATE BILL NO. 240—SENATOR TOWNSEND

MARCH 6, 2003

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises various provisions relating to benefits payable to surviving spouses and children of certain police officers and firemen. (BDR S-696)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to public employees; making certain provisions apply retroactively to allow certain benefits to be made available to the surviving spouses and children of certain police officers and firemen killed in the line of duty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1     **Section 1.** Section 7 of chapter 506, Statutes of Nevada 1999,  
2 at page 2610, is hereby amended to read as follows:  
3         Sec. 7. This act becomes effective upon passage and  
4 approval ~~H~~ *and applies retroactively to January 1, 1998.*  
5     **Sec. 2.** Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 287.021 or  
6 287.0477 concerning notice, if a surviving spouse or child who was  
7 not eligible for the benefits set forth in NRS 287.021 or 287.0477  
8 before the effective date of this act becomes eligible for those  
9 benefits by the retroactive operation of the amendatory provisions of  
10 section 1 of this act, the surviving spouse or child must notify in  
11 writing the public agency, the participating public agency or the  
12 Board of the Public Employees' Benefits Program, as appropriate  
13 under NRS 287.021 or 287.0477, not later than 60 days after the  
14 effective date of this act to be entitled to the benefits set forth in  
15 NRS 287.021 or 287.0477.



1     **Sec. 3.** 1. If a public agency is required pursuant to NRS  
2 287.021 and the amendatory provisions of section 1 of this act to  
3 pay the entire cost of the premiums or contributions for the group  
4 insurance or medical and hospital service for a surviving spouse or  
5 child who notifies the public agency pursuant to section 2 of this act,  
6 the public agency is not required to:

7     (a) Reimburse the surviving spouse or child for any payments  
8 made by or on behalf of the surviving spouse or child between  
9 January 1, 1998, and the effective date of this act for the group  
10 insurance or medical and hospital service; or

11     (b) Pay or reimburse the surviving spouse or child for any  
12 medical expenses incurred by or on behalf of the surviving spouse  
13 or child between January 1, 1998, and the effective date of this act.

14     2. If a participating public agency is required pursuant to NRS  
15 287.0477 and the amendatory provisions of section 1 of this act to  
16 pay the entire cost of the premiums or contributions for the Public  
17 Employees' Benefits Program or any other insurer or employee  
18 benefit plan approved by the Board of the Public Employees'  
19 Benefits Program pursuant to NRS 287.0479 for a surviving spouse  
20 or child who meets the requirements set forth in subsection 1 of  
21 NRS 287.0477 and who notifies the participating public agency  
22 pursuant to section 2 of this act, the participating public agency is  
23 not required to:

24     (a) Reimburse the surviving spouse or child for any payments  
25 made by or on behalf of the surviving spouse or child between  
26 January 1, 1998, and the effective date of this act for the Public  
27 Employees' Benefits Program or any other insurer or employee  
28 benefit plan approved by the Board of the Public Employees'  
29 Benefits Program pursuant to NRS 287.0479; or

30     (b) Pay or reimburse the surviving spouse or child for any  
31 medical expenses incurred by or on behalf of the surviving spouse  
32 or child between January 1, 1998, and the effective date of this act.

33     3. If the State of Nevada is required pursuant to NRS 287.0477  
34 and the amendatory provisions of section 1 of this act to pay the  
35 entire cost of the premiums or contributions for the Public  
36 Employees' Benefits Program for a surviving spouse or child who  
37 elects to join the Public Employees' Benefits Program pursuant to  
38 subsection 2 of NRS 287.0477 and who notifies the Board of the  
39 Public Employees' Benefits Program pursuant to section 2 of this  
40 act, the State of Nevada is not required to:

41     (a) Reimburse the surviving spouse or child for any payments  
42 made by or on behalf of the surviving spouse or child between  
43 January 1, 1998, and the effective date of this act for the Public  
44 Employees' Benefits Program; or



1 (b) Pay or reimburse the surviving spouse or child for any  
2 medical expenses incurred by or on behalf of the surviving spouse  
3 or child between January 1, 1998, and the effective date of this act.  
4 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

