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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6708

BILL NUMBER: HB 1198

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 26, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Health Insurance for a Legislator's Surviving Spouse.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Kromkowski

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill removes the length of service requirement for health insurance eligibility for the surviving spouse and eligible dependents of a legislator who dies in office.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This proposal could increase the number of surviving spouses and eligible dependents who would be eligible for health insurance. However, the number is likely to be small.

The surviving spouse must pay both the employee's share and the state's share of the premium. An increased cost to the state would only occur if those covered as a result of the proposal had adverse health conditions that increased health benefit costs. The specific impact is indeterminable.

State-paid biweekly rates for 2004 equaled \$140 for single coverage with \$385 for family coverage. Annual expenditures equaled \$3,640 for single coverage and \$10,010 for family coverage.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Personnel.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Department of Personnel.

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