

CHAPTER 177

AN ACT concerning funeral payments for public safety personnel and supplementing chapter 18A of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.52:18A-218.1 Definitions relative to funeral payments for public safety personnel.

1. As used in this act:

"Family" means the spouse, parent, children or other person who pays the funeral expenses of a public safety employee who is killed in the line of duty; and

"Public safety employee" means a permanent, full-time member of a State, county or municipal law enforcement agency or a county sheriff's office who is statutorily empowered to act for the detection, apprehension, arrest, and conviction of offenders against the laws of this State; an active member in good standing of a paid, part-paid or volunteer fire department or of a duly incorporated first aid, emergency, ambulance or rescue squad; or a State or county correctional officer.

C.52:18A-218.2 Reimbursement to family of employee killed in performance of his duties.

2. When a public safety employee is killed in the performance of his duties, the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey shall reimburse the employee's family for the actual expenses of the employee's funeral. This reimbursement shall defray the actual costs of the funeral but shall not exceed a total amount of \$10,000. The reimbursement shall be reduced by any amount payable for funeral expenses from workers' compensation pursuant to R.S.34:15-13.

C.52:18A-218.3 Rules, regulations.

3. The State Treasurer shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be applicable to public safety employees who are killed in the line of duty on or after the effective date.

Approved January 13, 2014.