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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; defining health insurance for peace officers and
1.3 firefighters; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299A.465, subdivision
1.4 5.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 299A.465, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **Definition.** For purposes of this section:

1.8 (a) "Peace officer" or "officer" has the meaning given in section 626.84, subdivision 1,
1.9 paragraph (c).

1.10 (b) "Dependent" means a person who: (1) meets the definition of dependent in section
1.11 62L.02, subdivision 11, at the time of the officer's or firefighter's injury or death, or at the
1.12 time of the volunteer firefighter's death; and (2) is not covered under another group health
1.13 plan. For purposes of this section, the term "eligible employee" as defined under section
1.14 62L.02, subdivision 13, includes a volunteer firefighter.

1.15 (c) "Firefighter" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 424.03, but
1.16 does not include volunteer firefighters.

1.17 (d) "Volunteer firefighter" has the meaning given in section 299N.03, subdivision 7,
1.18 and includes paid per call.

1.19 (e) "Fire department" has the meaning given in section 299N.03, subdivision 4.

1.20 (f) "Health plan coverage" means a plan that provides medical and dental care benefits.

2.1 ~~(f)~~ (g) For purposes of subdivisions 2 to 5a, "employer" includes a municipality or
2.2 municipalities that operate the fire department in which a volunteer firefighter serves.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
2.4 applies to health plan coverage provided before and after that date.