

Extending The Term Of Insurance Coverage For A Family Of A Corrections Officer Who Died In The Line Of Duty

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney)

Chairman Kenneth Ronk, Jr. and Legislators Fabiano and Wawro offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Personnel Department; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Kerry Winters was a 31 year veteran of the Corrections Division of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Winters was trained across disciplines and was a member of the Sheriff's Office Water Rescue Team; and

WHEREAS, the Water Rescue Team is comprised of Deputies as well as Corrections Officers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Winters died on September 22, 2016 while performing a training exercise with the Water Rescue Team; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 a provision was added to the Ulster County Sheriff's PBA agreement that provided for 18 months of continued health insurance coverage for the family of a Deputy who died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, since Sergeant Winters was a Corrections Officer as opposed to a Deputy, he was not a member of the PBA and therefore not covered by that insurance extension provision; and

WHEREAS, the Water Rescue Team represents a unique situation in that its members perform the same life-saving functions but are covered by different labor agreements and are therefore eligible for different benefits; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Winters is survived by his wife and two sons; and

WHEREAS, it would be unjust in this unique situation to not extend the insurance coverage provision to Sergeant Winter's family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the family of Sergeant Kerry Winters shall have the option of electing health insurance coverage for a period of 18 months commencing when this resolution is effective; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that the administration of extending the health insurance coverage be done consistent with that of the Ulster County Sheriff's PBA,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$ 5,942.00 – ADDITIONAL 2016 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$40,219.00 – ANTICIPATED 2017 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$ 14,747.00 – ANTICIPATED 2018 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS