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Legislator gets widow benefits

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The widow of the late Rep. Marvin E. Christianson, Halstad DFLer, is entitled to survivors benefits even though she won a special election to succeed him, Minnesota Atty. Gen. Douglas Head said today. 5-1-1969

Christianson died March 8 and Mrs. Donna Christianson took office April 14.

Under state law, Mrs. Christianson is entitled to benefits equal to half the amount her husband would have received as a legislative pension had he reached the age of 65. Mpls. Star

The benefits to Mrs. Christianson are based on a formula, but cannot be less than \$50 a month and can be cut off only if she remarries or dies, Head said.

The opinion was requested by State Auditor William J. O'Brien.