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**S.F. No. 1989 – Expanded Eligibility for Public Safety Officer
Survivor Benefits**

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S.F. No. 1989 amends the provisions of law that provide a death benefit (approximately \$167,000 as of 2022) for public safety officers killed in the line of duty to expand eligibility to officers who died by suicide and who suffered from work-related post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Requires that a licensed mental health provider had previously diagnosed the officer with PTSD and that the officer’s mental health provider determined that the PTSD resulted from the officer’s work as a public safety officer. These provisions are effective retroactively from January 1, 2017. Appropriates an unspecified amount to pay for the costs associated with the bill.