

SENATE BILL 1172

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12;  
Title 56 and Title 68, Chapter 140, relative to  
emergency responders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

68-140-3\_\_.

(a) The department shall purchase a uniform accidental death policy for the benefit of all emergency responders killed in the line of duty, who are current in their required training and physical exams. The acquisition of such policy shall be based upon a procedure requiring the submission and review of competitive proposals and must be approved by the commissioner of finance and administration before it is effective. Nothing in this section shall prohibit local governments from purchasing any other insurance in addition or supplemental to the insurance purchased herein.

(b) As used in this section, "emergency responder" means a law enforcement officer, firefighter, 911 operator, emergency services personnel, or any other person who responds to calls for emergency assistance from a 911 call.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.