

HB 282-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL            **282-FN**

AN ACT                increasing the maximum benefits for first responders critically injured in the line of duty.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Trottier, Belk. 8; Rep. Bordes, Belk. 5; Rep. Doucette, Rock. 25; Rep. S. Pearson, Rock. 13; Rep. Proulx, Hills. 15; Rep. Soucy, Merr. 21; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13

COMMITTEE:          Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

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ANALYSIS

This bill increases the maximum total compensation paid to all claimants for first responder's critical injury benefits from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 per biennium.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT                    increasing the maximum benefits for first responders critically injured in the line of duty.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Workers' Compensation; First Responder's Critical Injury Benefit. Amend RSA 281-A:32-a, II  
2 to read as follows:

3            II. Payments awarded under this section shall be subject to all other provisions of RSA 281-

4 A. Total compensation payments for all additional compensation claims paid under this section shall  
5 not exceed \$125,000 per claimant. Benefits paid under this section for all claimants shall not exceed  
6 [~~\$500,000~~] **\$1,000,000** per biennium.

7            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 282-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding.**

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	\$0	Indeterminable Increase \$0 to \$500,000		Indeterminable Increase \$0 to \$500,000
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

\*Expenditure = Cost of bill

\*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill increases the maximum total compensation paid to all claimants for first responders critical injury benefits from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 per biennium. The Department of Labor states increasing the maximum compensation paid could result in a maximum increase of \$500,000 over a biennium from General Funds. The Department states the highest payout from the program was \$350,000 for the 2022 to 2023 biennium.

It is assumed the fiscal impact will not occur until FY 2026.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

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