



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2009 Wisconsin Act 285**  
[2009 Senate Bill 520]

**Health Insurance Premiums for  
Survivors of Fire Fighters**

2009 Wisconsin Act 285 requires a municipality (city, village, or town), if it pays the health insurance premiums for its employees who are fire fighters, to continue to pay these premiums for the surviving spouse and dependent children of a fire fighter who dies in the line of duty.

The requirement does not apply to a surviving spouse who remarries or reaches the age of 65. The requirement also does not apply to a dependent child who reaches the age of 18, unless that child is a full-time high school student, or is a dependent child who is a full-time or part-time student in an accredited college or university, until the close of the calendar year in which the individual reaches the age of 27.

The Act first applies, retroactively, to a fire fighter who has died in the line of duty before the effective date of the bill.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.