

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This fixes a problem in law. Under current law if an unmarried person suffers an injury caused by another person and thereby incurs medical expenses and other actual economic losses but later dies from an unrelated cause prior to the responsible person paying for the expenses, the person or insurance company that caused the problem is no longer responsible to pay. However, when a married person in the same situation dies, the spouse is allowed to continue the claim.

This change in the law will require liability insurance companies to pay for economic losses they have insured instead of requiring the children or other heirs of the unmarried person to pay the medical bills and other expenses that were incurred because of the carelessness of another person.

FISCAL NOTE

None

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