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Introduced by M. of A. O'PHARROW, RA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York and the civil service law, in relation to health insurance coverage for surviving dependents following the death of a police officer by suicide

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision b of section 12-126 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subparagraph (v) to read as follows:

(v) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, where an active or retired member of the police department dies by suicide and is enrolled in a health insurance plan, the surviving spouse or domestic partner and any other dependents shall be afforded the right to such health insurance coverage and health insurance coverage which is predicated on the insured's enrollment in the hospital and medical program for the aged and disabled under the social security act as is provided for retirees and their dependents as set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, for ninety days following such death.

§ 2. Section 165 of the civil service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in the event of death by suicide of an active or retired police officer having coverage at the time of death for such police officer and such police officer's dependents, the unremarried spouse of such police officer covered at the time of such police officer's death and such police officer's covered dependents shall be eligible to continue full coverage under the health benefit plan for ninety days after such police officer's death.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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§ 3. Subdivision 2 of section 161-a of the civil service law, as added by chapter 307 of the laws of 1979, is amended to read as follows:

2. Insofar as the provisions of this section are inconsistent with any other act, general or special, or any rule or regulation adopted thereunder, the provisions of this section shall be controlling and insofar as the regulations promulgated by the president pursuant to subdivision one of this section are inconsistent with any rule or regulation, the provisions of such regulations shall be controlling**; provided, however, that insofar as the regulations promulgated by the president pursuant to subdivision one of this section are inconsistent with the provisions of subparagraph (v) of paragraph two of subdivision b of section 12-126 of the administrative code of the city of New York or subdivision three of section one hundred sixty-five of this article, such provisions shall be controlling**.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.