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## INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX Public Safety Officer Memorial/Survivor Checkoff

March 25, 2004

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Separate Official Fiscal Note Requested		<b>X</b>
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>		
DOR Administrative Costs/Savings	<b>X</b>	

Department of Revenue  
Analysis of H.F.2472 (Vandever) / S.F. 2744 (Tomassoni)

	<u>Revenue Gain or (Loss)</u>			
	<u>F.Y. 2004</u>	<u>F.Y. 2005</u>	<u>F.Y. 2006</u>	<u>F.Y. 2007</u>
		(000's)		
Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$280	\$310	\$330

Assumed effective beginning with tax year 2004.

### EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

**Current Law:** Currently a state-funded political party checkoff and a taxpayer-funded nongame wildlife checkoff are on the individual income tax form.

**Proposed Law:** This bill would establish a new taxpayer-funded checkoff on the income tax form allowing the taxpayer to designate \$1 or more to be added to the tax or deducted from the refund to be paid into a fund for a public safety officer memorial and survivor account in the Special Revenue Fund

### REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

- The current nongame wildlife checkoff is used on about 3% of income tax returns with an average of \$13.70 in tax year 2002 for a total of \$1.0 million from approximately 77,000 returns.
- It will be assumed a new credit will not match that level for several years even though it might appeal to a different segment of the taxpaying public.
- It is estimated to be used on 27,000 returns the first year at an average of \$10.50 for a total designation of \$280,000. Growth is estimated at 8%.

**Number of Taxpayers Affected:** About 27,000 returns.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue  
Tax Research Division  
[http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/legal\\_policy](http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/legal_policy)