

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 535

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INTRODUCED BY LAUGHLIN, PETRARCA, HUTCHINSON, ALDERETTE AND
McCALL, MARCH 21, 1983

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 26, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 1, 1977 (P.L.249, No.83), entitled
2 "An act prohibiting employers from firing employees who lose
3 time from employment in the line of duty as volunteer firemen
4 and providing penalties," providing for inclusion of special
5 police officers along with ~~part-time~~ FIRE POLICE or auxiliary <—
6 personnel.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Sections 1, 3 and 4 of the act of December 1,
10 1977 (P.L.249, No.83), entitled "An act prohibiting employers
11 from firing employees who lose time from employment in the line
12 of duty as volunteer firemen and providing penalties," are
13 amended to read:

14 Section 1. No employer shall terminate an employee who is a
15 volunteer fireman or ~~part-time~~ FIRE POLICE or auxiliary or <—
16 special police officer and in the line of duty has responded to
17 a call prior to the time he was due to report for work resulting
18 in a loss of time from his employment.

19 Section 3. Any employee losing time as provided in section 1

1 shall supply his employer with a statement from the chief of his
2 volunteer fire company or from his chief of police stating that
3 he responded to a call and the time thereof.

4 Section 4. As used in this act, "line of duty" shall mean
5 going to, coming from or during fire prevention and safety
6 activities which includes fire prevention, police action, first
7 aid, rescue and salvage, ambulance service, fire police work,
8 assistance at accidents, traffic control, control of crowds both
9 on the fire grounds and at occasions of public or general
10 assembly, animal rescue, abatement of conditions due to storm,
11 flood or general peril, abatement or removal of hazards to
12 safety and such other activities as are commonly undertaken by
13 fire companies and their affiliated organizations. The term
14 "employer" includes any individual, partnership, association,
15 corporation, business trust, or any person or group of persons
16 acting directly or indirectly in the interest of an employer in
17 relation to any employee.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.