
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY MURPHY, MIHALICH, GIGLIOTTI AND JAROLIN,
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AN ACT

1 Providing for the payment of the salary, medical and hospital
2 expenses of emergency medical technicians and paramedics
3 employed by cities of the second class.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. General rule.

7 (a) Payment.--Any emergency medical technician or paramedic
8 employed by a city of the second class, who is injured in the
9 performance of his duties and by reason thereof is temporarily
10 incapacitated from performing his or her duties, shall be paid
11 by the city of the second class, his full rate of salary, as
12 fixed by ordinance of resolution, until the disability arising
13 therefrom has ceased. All medical and hospital bills incurred in
14 connection with any such injury shall be paid by the city.
15 During the time salary for temporary incapacity is paid by the
16 city any workmen's compensation, received or collected by any
17 such employee for the period, shall be turned over to the city
18 and paid into the treasury thereof, and if the payment shall not

1 be so made by the employee the amount so due the city shall be
2 deducted from any salary then or thereafter becoming due and
3 owing.

4 (b) Heart, respiratory illness.--In the case of emergency
5 medical technicians and paramedics employed by a city of the
6 second class who have served for four consecutive years or
7 longer, diseases of the heart and tuberculosis of the
8 respiratory system, contracted or incurred by any of them after
9 four years of continuous service as such, and caused by extreme
10 overexertion in times of stress or danger or by exposure to
11 heat, smoke, fumes or gases, arising directly out of the
12 employment of any such employee, shall be compensable in
13 accordance with the terms hereof; and unless any such disability
14 shall be compensable under the compensation laws as having been
15 caused by accidental injury, such disability shall be
16 compensable as occupational disease disabilities are presently
17 compensable under the compensation laws of this Commonwealth. It
18 shall be presumed that tuberculosis of the respiratory system
19 contracted or incurred after four consecutive years of service
20 was contracted or incurred as a direct result of employment.

21 (c) Statute of limitations.--In the case of any person
22 receiving benefits pursuant to this act, the statutes of
23 limitations set forth in sections 306.1, 315, 413 and 434 of the
24 act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers'
25 Compensation Act, shall not begin to run until the expiration of
26 the receipt of benefits pursuant to this act.

27 Section 2. Absence from duty.

28 No absence from duty of any emergency medical technician or
29 paramedic of a city of the second class by reason of any injury
30 shall be included in any period of sick leave, allowed the

1 employee by law or by regulation of the department by which he
2 is employed.

3 Section 3. Effective date.

4 This act shall take effect in 60 days.