THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 239

Session of 1997

INTRODUCED BY BISHOP, BELARDI, THOMAS, TRELLO, RAMOS,
YOUNGBLOOD, PISTELLA, ROONEY, BOSCOLA, PESCI AND BELFANTI,
FEBRUARY 4, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 4, 1997

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), entitled, 2 as amended, "An act providing for the payment of the salary, 3 medical and hospital expenses of members of the State Police 4 Force, of the enforcement officers and investigators employed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, and the parole 6 agents, enforcement officers and investigators of the 7 Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Capitol Police 8 officers, correction officers employed by the Department of 9 Corrections whose principal duty is the care, custody and control of inmates, psychiatric security aides employed by 10 the Department of Public Welfare and the Department of 11 12 Corrections whose principal duty is the care, custody, and 13 control of the criminally insane, drug enforcement agents of 14 the Office of Attorney General whose principal duty is the 15 enforcement of the drug laws of the Commonwealth, special 16 agents of the Office of Attorney General whose principal duty 17 is the enforcement of the criminal laws of the Commonwealth, 18 members of the Delaware River Port Authority Police and of 19 policemen, firemen and park guards by the Commonwealth of 20 Pennsylvania, the Delaware River Port Authority, counties, 21 cities, boroughs, towns and townships, who are injured or 22 contract certain diseases in the performance of their duty; 23 and providing that absence during such injury shall not reduce any usual sick leave period, "further providing for 24 25 compensation for service-related injuries.

- 26 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 27 hereby enacts as follows:
- 28 Section 1. Section 1(a) of the act of June 28, 1935
- 29 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer

- 1 Disability Benefits Law, amended December 19, 1996 (P.L.
- 2 No.183), is amended to read:
- 3 Section 1. (a) Be it enacted, &c., That any member of the
- 4 State Police Force, any enforcement officer or investigator
- 5 employed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, and the
- 6 parole agents, enforcement officers and investigators of the
- 7 Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Capitol Police
- 8 officers, correction officers employed by the Department of
- 9 Corrections, whose principal duty is the care, custody and
- 10 control of inmates, psychiatric security aides employed by the
- 11 Department of Public Welfare and the Department of Corrections,
- 12 whose principal duty is the care, custody, and control of the
- 13 criminally insane, drug enforcement agents of the Office of
- 14 Attorney General whose principal duty is the enforcement of the
- 15 drug laws of the Commonwealth, special agents of the Office of
- 16 Attorney General whose principal duty is the enforcement of the
- 17 criminal laws of the Commonwealth, any member of the Delaware
- 18 River Port Authority Police or any policeman, fireman or park
- 19 guard of any county, city, borough, town or township, who is
- 20 injured in the performance of his duties including, in the case
- 21 of firemen, duty as special fire police, and by reason thereof
- 22 is temporarily incapacitated from performing his duties, shall
- 23 be paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania if a member of the
- 24 State Police Force or an enforcement officer or investigator
- 25 employed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board or the parole
- 26 agents, enforcement officers and investigators of the
- 27 Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Capitol Police
- 28 officers, correction officers employed by the Department of
- 29 Corrections, whose principal duty is the care, custody and
- 30 control of inmates, psychiatric security aides employed by the

- 1 Department of Public Welfare and the Department of Corrections,
- 2 whose principal duty is the care, custody, and control of the
- 3 criminally insane, drug enforcement agents of the Office of
- 4 Attorney General whose principal duty is the enforcement of the
- 5 drug laws of the Commonwealth, special agents of the Office of
- 6 Attorney General whose principal duty is the enforcement of the
- 7 criminal laws of the Commonwealth, or by the Delaware River Port
- 8 Authority if a member of the Delaware River Port Authority
- 9 Police or by the county, township or municipality, by which he
- 10 is employed, his full rate of salary, as fixed by ordinance or
- 11 resolution, until the disability arising therefrom has ceased.
- 12 All medical and hospital bills, incurred in connection with any
- 13 such injury, including psychiatric and psychological care for
- 14 the individual and the individual's spouse and dependent
- 15 <u>children</u>, shall be paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or
- 16 by the Delaware River Port Authority or by such county, township
- 17 or municipality. During the time salary for temporary incapacity
- 18 shall be paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or by the
- 19 Delaware River Port Authority or by the county, city, borough,
- 20 town or township, any workmen's compensation, received or
- 21 collected by any such employe for such period, shall be turned
- 22 over to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or to the Delaware
- 23 River Port Authority or to such county, city, borough, town or
- 24 township, and paid into the treasury thereof, and if such
- 25 payment shall not be so made by the employe the amount so due
- 26 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Delaware River Port
- 27 Authority or the county, city, borough, town or township shall
- 28 be deducted from any salary then or thereafter becoming due and
- 29 owing.
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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.