AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1189

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE BRADFORD

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      Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out "ENFORCEMENT
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  OFFICER"
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      Amend Bill, page 6, lines 6 through 27, by striking out all
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   of said lines and inserting
 5
                               CHAPTER 57
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                      COVID-19 DISABILITY BENEFITS
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   Sec.
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   5701. Definitions.
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   5702. Employee protections.
   § 5701. Definitions.
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       "COVID-19." The novel coronavirus as identified in the
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   proclamation.
       "Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law." The act of
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   June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement
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   Officer Disability Benefits Law.
       "Employee of a life-sustaining business." An employee
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   actively engaged in a task at the direction of an employer
   designated as a life-sustaining business or occupation during
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   the proclamation. The term shall not include an employee on
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   <u>leave</u> for the entire duration of the proclamation.
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       "Life-sustaining business." A business or occupation, as
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   designated by the Governor to maintain operations during the
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   proclamation, which performs or conducts a range of vital
   operations, functions and services that are essential to
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   assisting the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions in
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   protecting people and their communities while ensuring
   continuity of functions critical and essential to public health
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   and safety, and economic and homeland security, and which
   continues to be operational and appropriately modified to
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   account for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and
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   the Department of Health workforce and customer protection
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   quidance during the proclamation.
       "Proclamation." The proclamation of disaster emergency
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   issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B.
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emergency.

35 36 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster

§ 5702. Employee protections.

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- (a) Enforcement officer. -- Notwithstanding any other 3 provision of law, a person covered under section 1(a) of the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law who contracts or is 5 diagnosed with COVID-19 or is subject to guarantine resulting from exposure to COVID-19 and because of the contraction, diagnosis or quarantine is temporarily incapacitated from performing the person's duties shall be compensated in accordance with section 1(a) of the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law.
 - (b) Life-sustaining business.--
 - (1) An employee of a life-sustaining business who contracts or is diagnosed with COVID-19 or is subject to guarantine resulting from exposure to COVID-19 and because of the contraction, diagnosis or quarantine is temporarily incapacitated from performing the person's duties shall be paid the person's full rate of salary by the life-sustaining business until the disability arising because of the contraction, diagnosis or quarantine has ceased.
 - (2) Each medical and hospital bill incurred in connection with an incapacitation under paragraph (1) shall be paid by the life-sustaining business. During the time a salary for temporary incapacity shall be paid by the lifesustaining business, any workmen's compensation benefits, received or collected by the employee for the period shall be turned over to the life-sustaining business and if the payment is not made by the employee, the amount owed the life-sustaining business shall be deducted from any salary owed to the employee.
- 30 Amend Bill, page 14, by inserting between lines 3 and 4
- 31 Section 2.1. The addition of 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 57 shall apply 32 retroactively to March 6, 2020.