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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MINES AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT, APRIL 26,  
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AN ACT

1 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  
5 by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, and the parole  
6 agents, enforcement officers and investigators of the  
7 Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, correction  
8 officers employed by the Bureau of Corrections whose  
9 principal duty is the care, custody and control of inmates,  
10 psychiatric security aides employed by the Department of  
11 Public Welfare and the Bureau of Corrections whose principal  
12 duty is the care, custody, and control of the criminally  
13 insane, and drug enforcement agents of the Department of  
14 Justice whose principal duty is the enforcement of the drug  
15 laws of the Commonwealth, members of the Delaware River Port  
16 Authority Police and of policemen, firemen and park guards by  
17 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Delaware River Port  
18 Authority, counties, cities, boroughs, towns and townships,  
19 who are injured or contract certain diseases in the  
20 performance of their duty; and providing that absence during  
21 such injury shall not reduce any usual sick leave period,"  
22 extending benefits to mine inspectors of the Department of  
23 Environmental Resources and making editorial changes.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. The title and section 1, act of June 28, 1935  
27 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer

1 Disability Benefits Law, amended July 1, 1978 (P.L.687, No.117),  
2 are amended to read:

3 AN ACT

4 Providing for the payment of the salary, medical and hospital  
5 expenses of members of the State Police Force, of the  
6 enforcement officers and investigators employed by the  
7 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, and the parole agents,  
8 enforcement officers and investigators of the Pennsylvania  
9 Board of Probation and Parole, correction officers employed  
10 by the Bureau of Corrections whose principal duty is the  
11 care, custody and control of inmates, psychiatric security  
12 aides employed by the Department of Public Welfare and the  
13 Bureau of Corrections whose principal duty is the care,  
14 custody, and control of the criminally insane, and drug  
15 enforcement agents of the [Department of Justice] Office of  
16 Attorney General whose principal duty is the enforcement of  
17 the drug laws of the Commonwealth, mine inspectors of the  
18 Department of Environmental Resources, members of the  
19 Delaware River Port Authority Police and of policemen,  
20 firemen and park guards by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
21 the Delaware River Port Authority, counties, cities,  
22 boroughs, towns and townships, who are injured or contract  
23 certain diseases in the performance of their duty; and  
24 providing that absence during such injury shall not reduce  
25 any usual sick leave period.

26 Section 1. (a) Be it enacted, &c., That any member of the  
27 State Police Force, any enforcement officer or investigator  
28 employed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, and the  
29 parole agents, enforcement officers and investigators of the  
30 Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, correction officers

1 employed by the Bureau of Corrections, whose principal duty is  
2 the care, custody and control of inmates, psychiatric security  
3 aides employed by the Department of Public Welfare and the  
4 Bureau of Corrections, whose principal duty is the care,  
5 custody, and control of the criminally insane, and drug  
6 enforcement agents of the [Department of Justice] Office of  
7 Attorney General whose principal duty is the enforcement of the  
8 drug laws of the Commonwealth, mine inspectors of the Department  
9 of Environmental Resources, any member of the Delaware River  
10 Port Authority Police or any policeman, fireman or park guard of  
11 any county, city, borough, town or township, who is injured in  
12 the performance of his duties including, in the case of firemen,  
13 duty as special fire police, and by reason thereof is  
14 temporarily incapacitated from performing his duties, shall be  
15 paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania if a member of the  
16 State Police Force or an enforcement officer or investigator  
17 employed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board or the parole  
18 agents, enforcement officers and investigators of the  
19 Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, correction officers  
20 employed by the Bureau of Corrections, whose principal duty is  
21 the care, custody and control of inmates, psychiatric security  
22 aides employed by the Department of Public Welfare and the  
23 Bureau of Corrections, whose principal duty is the care,  
24 custody, and control of the criminally insane, and drug  
25 enforcement agents of the [Department of Justice] Office of  
26 Attorney General whose principal duty is the enforcement of the  
27 drug laws of the Commonwealth, mine inspectors of the Department  
28 of Environmental Resources, or by the Delaware River Port  
29 Authority if a member of the Delaware River Port Authority  
30 Police or by the county, township or municipality, by which he

1 is employed, his full rate of salary, as fixed by ordinance or  
2 resolution, until the disability arising therefrom has ceased.  
3 All medical and hospital bills, incurred in connection with any  
4 such injury, shall be paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 or by the Delaware River Port Authority or by such county,  
6 township or municipality. During the time salary for temporary  
7 incapacity shall be paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or  
8 by the Delaware River Port Authority or by the county, city,  
9 borough, town or township, any workmen's compensation, received  
10 or collected by any such employe for such period, shall be  
11 turned over to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or to the  
12 Delaware River Port Authority or to such county, city, borough,  
13 town or township, and paid into the treasury thereof, and if  
14 such payment shall not be so made by the employe the amount so  
15 due the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Delaware River Port  
16 Authority or the county, city, borough, town or township shall  
17 be deducted from any salary then or thereafter becoming due and  
18 owing.

19 (b) In the case of the State Police Force, enforcement  
20 officers and investigators employed by the Pennsylvania Liquor  
21 Control Board and the parole agents, enforcement officers and  
22 investigators of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole,  
23 correction officers employed by the Bureau of Corrections, whose  
24 principal duty is the care, custody and control of inmates,  
25 psychiatric security aides employed by the Department of Public  
26 Welfare and the Bureau of Corrections whose principal duty is  
27 the care, custody, and control of the criminally insane, and  
28 drug enforcement agents of the [Department of Justice] Office of  
29 Attorney General whose principal duty is the enforcement of the  
30 drug laws of the Commonwealth, mine inspectors of the Department

1 of Environmental Resources, members of the Delaware River Port  
2 Authority Police and salaried policemen and firemen who have  
3 served for four consecutive years or longer, diseases of the  
4 heart and tuberculosis of the respiratory system, contracted or  
5 incurred by any of them after four years of continuous service  
6 as such, and caused by extreme overexertion in times of stress  
7 or danger or by exposure to heat, smoke, fumes or gases, arising  
8 directly out of the employment of any such member of the State  
9 Police Force, enforcement officer, investigator employed by the  
10 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, guard or enforcement officer  
11 employed by the Bureau of Corrections or parole agent,  
12 enforcement officer or investigator of the Pennsylvania Board of  
13 Probation and Parole, correction officers employed by the Bureau  
14 of Corrections whose principal duty is the care, custody and  
15 control of inmates, psychiatric security aides employed by the  
16 Department of Public Welfare and the Bureau of Corrections whose  
17 principal duty is the care, custody, and control of the  
18 criminally insane, and drug enforcement agents of the  
19 [Department of Justice] Office of Attorney General whose  
20 principal duty is the enforcement of the drug laws of the  
21 Commonwealth, mine inspectors of the Department of Environmental  
22 Resources, member of the Delaware River Port Authority Police,  
23 or policeman or fireman, shall be compensable in accordance with  
24 the terms hereof; and unless any such disability shall be  
25 compensable under the compensation laws as having been caused by  
26 accidental injury, such disability shall be compensable as  
27 occupational disease disabilities are presently compensable  
28 under the compensation laws of this Commonwealth. It shall be  
29 presumed that tuberculosis of the respiratory system contracted  
30 or incurred after four consecutive years of service was

1 contracted or incurred as a direct result of employment.

2 (c) In the case of any person receiving benefits pursuant to  
3 this act, the statutes of limitations set forth in sections  
4 306.1, 315, 413, and 434 of the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736,  
5 No.338), known as "The Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Act,"  
6 shall not begin to run until the expiration of the receipt of  
7 benefits pursuant to this act.

8 (d) All payments herein required to be made by the  
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on account of any member of the  
10 State Police Force shall be made from moneys appropriated to the  
11 Pennsylvania State Police, and any payments required to be made  
12 on account of any enforcement officer or investigator employed  
13 by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board shall be from  
14 appropriations out of the State Stores Fund, any payments  
15 required to be made on account of any parole agent, enforcement  
16 officer or investigator employed by the Pennsylvania Board of  
17 Probation and Parole shall be from moneys appropriated to the  
18 Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, any payments  
19 required to be made on account of any correction officer shall  
20 be made from moneys appropriated to the Bureau of Corrections,  
21 any payments required to be made on account of any psychiatric  
22 security aides shall be made from moneys appropriated to the  
23 Department of Public Welfare or the Bureau of Corrections where  
24 appropriate, [and] any payments required to be made on account  
25 of any drug enforcement agent shall be made from moneys  
26 appropriated to the [Department of Justice] Office of Attorney  
27 General and any payments required to be made on account of any  
28 mine inspector shall be made from moneys appropriated to the  
29 Department of Environmental Resources.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.