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HOUSE BILL

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BELARDI, KASUNIC AND FOX, APRIL 15, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, APRIL 15, 1985

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 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 fire police or auxiliary or special police  
16 officer and in the line of duty has responded to a call prior to  
17 the time he was due to report for work resulting in a loss of  
18 time from his employment.

1       Section 3. Any employee losing time as provided in section 1  
2 shall supply his employer with a statement from the chief of his  
3 volunteer fire company or from his chief of police stating that  
4 he responded to a call and the time thereof.

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

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