THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 194

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INTRODUCED BY O'BRIEN, C. PARKER, KINSEY, BROWNLEE, COHEN, DAVIS, DRISCOLL, KOTIK, McNEILL, PASHINSKI, SCHWEYER, THOMAS AND READSHAW, JANUARY 23, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 23, 2015

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), entitled, 1 as amended, "An act providing for the payment of the salary, 2 medical and hospital expenses of members of the State Police 3 Force, of the enforcement officers and investigators employed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, and the parole 5 agents, enforcement officers and investigators of the 6 Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Capitol Police 7 8 officers, correction employes employed by the Department of Corrections whose principal duty is the care, custody and 9 control of inmates, psychiatric security aides employed by 10 the Department of Public Welfare and the Department of 11 Corrections whose principal duty is the care, custody, and 12 13 control of the criminally insane, drug enforcement agents of the Office of Attorney General whose principal duty is the 14 enforcement of the drug laws of the Commonwealth, special agents of the Office of Attorney General whose principal duty 15 16 is the enforcement of the criminal laws of the Commonwealth, 17 members of the Delaware River Port Authority Police and of 18 policemen, firemen and park guards by the Commonwealth of 19 Pennsylvania, the Delaware River Port Authority, counties, 20 21 cities, boroughs, towns and townships, and sheriffs and 22 deputy sheriffs who are injured or contract certain diseases in the performance of their duty; and providing that absence 23 during such injury shall not reduce any usual sick leave 24 period," extending benefit coverage. 25

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

- 1 referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law,
- 2 is amended by adding a section to read:
- 3 <u>Section 2.1. The following words and phrases when used in </u>
- 4 this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section
- 5 <u>unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:</u>
- 6 "Emergency medical technician." As defined in 35 Pa.C.S. §
- 7 8103 (relating to definitions).
- 8 "Fireman." The term includes any of the following who are
- 9 employed by a fire department:
- 10 (1) An emergency medical technician.
- 11 (2) A paramedic.
- "Paramedic." As defined in 35 Pa.C.S. § 8103.
- 13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.