THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY McGEEHAN, BELFANTI, BLACKWELL, BUXTON, CRUZ, FABRIZIO, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HARHAI, JAMES, KORTZ, LEACH, MANN, McCALL, MUNDY, PASHINSKI, PETRARCA, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND YUDICHAK, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

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 Force, of the enforcement officers and investigators employed 4 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, Capitol Police 8 officers, correction employes employed by the Department of 9 Corrections whose principal duty is the care, custody and 10 control of inmates, psychiatric security aides employed by 11 the Department of Public Welfare and the Department of Corrections whose principal duty is the care, custody, and 12 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 agents of the Office of Attorney General whose principal duty 16 is the enforcement of the criminal laws of the Commonwealth, 17 18 members of the Delaware River Port Authority Police and of policemen, firemen and park guards by the Commonwealth of 19 20 Pennsylvania, the Delaware River Port Authority, counties, 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 24 during such injury shall not reduce any usual sick leave 25 period, "further providing for certain corrections officers.
- 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

- 1 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer
- 2 Disability Benefits Law, amended March 15, 2006 (P.L.55, No.20)
- 3 and July 7, 2006 (P.L.614, No.95), is amended to read:
- 4 Section 1. (a) Be it enacted, &c., That any member of the
- 5 State Police Force, any enforcement officer or investigator
- 6 employed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, and the
- 7 parole agents, enforcement officers and investigators of the
- 8 Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Capitol Police
- 9 officers, correction employes employed by the Department of
- 10 Corrections, whose principal duty is the care, custody and
- 11 control of inmates, psychiatric security aides employed by the
- 12 Department of Public Welfare and the Department of Corrections,
- 13 whose principal duty is the care, custody, and control of the
- 14 criminally insane, drug enforcement agents of the Office of
- 15 Attorney General whose principal duty is the enforcement of the
- 16 drug laws of the Commonwealth, special agents of the Office of
- 17 Attorney General whose principal duty is the enforcement of the
- 18 criminal laws of the Commonwealth, any member of the Delaware
- 19 River Port Authority Police, any policeman, fireman [or], park
- 20 guard or corrections employee whose principal duty is the care,
- 21 <u>custody and control of inmates</u> of any county, city, borough,
- 22 town or township, or any sheriff or deputy sheriff who is
- 23 injured in the performance of his duties including, in the case
- 24 of firemen, duty as special fire police, and by reason thereof
- 25 is temporarily incapacitated from performing his duties, shall
- 26 be paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania if a member of the
- 27 State Police Force or an enforcement officer or investigator
- 28 employed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board or the parole
- 29 agents, enforcement officers and investigators of the
- 30 Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Capitol Police

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- 9 Attorney General whose principal duty is the enforcement of the
- 10 criminal laws of the Commonwealth, or by the Delaware River Port
- 11 Authority if a member of the Delaware River Port Authority
- 12 Police or by the county, township or municipality, by which he
- 13 is employed, his full rate of salary, as fixed by ordinance or
- 14 resolution, until the disability arising therefrom has ceased.
- 15 All medical and hospital bills, incurred in connection with any
- 16 such injury, shall be paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 17 or by the Delaware River Port Authority or by such county,
- 18 township or municipality. During the time salary for temporary
- 19 incapacity shall be paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or
- 20 by the Delaware River Port Authority or by the county, city,
- 21 borough, town or township, any workmen's compensation, received
- 22 or collected by any such employe for such period, shall be
- 23 turned over to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or to the
- 24 Delaware River Port Authority or to such county, city, borough,
- 25 town or township, and paid into the treasury thereof, and if
- 26 such payment shall not be so made by the employe the amount so
- 27 due the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Delaware River Port
- 28 Authority or the county, city, borough, town or township shall
- 29 be deducted from any salary then or thereafter becoming due and
- 30 owing.

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