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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 755 Session of  
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COSTA, VULAKOVICH AND BARTOLOTTA, JUNE 12, 2017

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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 certain employes of State  
4 and local government who are injured or contract certain  
5 diseases in the performance of their duty; and providing that  
6 absence during such injury shall not reduce any usual sick  
7 leave period," further providing for payment of salary,  
8 medical and hospital expenses of certain employees of State  
9 and local government.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 1(b) of the act of June 28, 1935  
13 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer  
14 Disability Benefits Law, is amended by adding a paragraph to  
15 read:

16 Section 1. \* \* \*

17 (b) In the case of:

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19 (13) corrections officers employed by a local government;  
20 who have served for four consecutive years or longer, diseases  
21 of the heart and tuberculosis of the respiratory system,

1 contracted or incurred by any of them after four years of  
2 continuous service as such, and caused by extreme overexertion  
3 in times of stress or danger or by exposure to heat, smoke,  
4 fumes or gases, arising directly out of the employment shall be  
5 compensable in accordance with the terms hereof; and unless any  
6 such disability shall be compensable under the compensation laws  
7 as having been caused by accidental injury, such disability  
8 shall be compensable as occupational disease disabilities are  
9 presently compensable under the compensation laws of this  
10 Commonwealth. It shall be presumed that tuberculosis of the  
11 respiratory system contracted or incurred after four consecutive  
12 years of service was contracted or incurred as a direct result  
13 of employment.

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