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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in employees, providing for insurance  
3 benefits for part-time police officers.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2182. Insurance benefits for part-time police officers.

9 (a) Provision.--A police department shall provide each part-  
10 time police officer employed by the police department with  
11 insurance benefits covering the following:

12 (1) Health insurance for the police officer, the police  
13 officer's spouse and dependents.

14 (2) Disability resulting from the performance of the  
15 police officer's duties.

16 (3) Survivor benefits resulting from the performance of  
17 the police officer's duties.

18 (b) Matching benefits.--The benefits provided under

1 subsection (a) shall be the same as benefits provided to full-  
2 time police officers employed by the police department, or if  
3 there are no full-time police officers, the benefits shall match  
4 benefits provided to the Pennsylvania State Police.

5 (c) Multiple employment.--

6 (1) If a part-time police officer is employed by  
7 multiple police departments, the part-time police officer may  
8 choose from which police department to accept the benefits  
9 provided under subsection (a).

10 (2) The part-time police officer shall provide proof  
11 that the police officer is receiving benefits from another  
12 municipality to each police department employing the police  
13 officer that does not provide benefits to the police officer.

14 (3) If the part-time police officer is no longer  
15 employed by the police department from which the part-time  
16 police officer is receiving benefits, the part-time police  
17 officer may choose to receive insurance benefits from another  
18 police department by which the police officer is employed.

19 (4) A part-time police officer may only receive benefits  
20 from one police department at a time.

21 (d) Collective bargain.--Nothing under this section shall  
22 limit the ability of part-time police officers to collectively  
23 bargain or contract with a police department for the benefits  
24 under subsection (a), if the minimum requirements of subsection  
25 (a) are met.

26 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
27 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
28 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

29 "Police department." As defined under section 2162 (relating  
30 to definitions).

1 "Police officer." As defined under section 2162.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.