

HB5221



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 345/1

from Ch. 70, par. 91

Amends the Public Employee Disability Act. Provides that the term "eligible employee" as used in the Act includes firefighters employed as full-time paramedics or firefighters who perform paramedic duties.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Employee Disability Act is amended by
5 changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 345/1) (from Ch. 70, par. 91)

7 Sec. 1. Disability benefit.

8 (a) For the purposes of this Section, "eligible employee"
9 means any part-time or full-time State correctional officer or
10 any other full or part-time employee of the Department of
11 Corrections, any full or part-time employee of the Prisoner
12 Review Board, any full or part-time employee of the Department
13 of Human Services working within a penal institution or a State
14 mental health or developmental disabilities facility operated
15 by the Department of Human Services, and any full-time law
16 enforcement officer or full-time firefighter, including a
17 full-time paramedic or a firefighter who performs paramedic
18 duties, who is employed by the State of Illinois, any unit of
19 local government (including any home rule unit), any State
20 supported college or university, or any other public entity
21 granted the power to employ persons for such purposes by law.

22 (b) Whenever an eligible employee suffers any injury in the
23 line of duty which causes him to be unable to perform his

1 duties, he shall continue to be paid by the employing public
2 entity on the same basis as he was paid before the injury, with
3 no deduction from his sick leave credits, compensatory time for
4 overtime accumulations or vacation, or service credits in a
5 public employee pension fund during the time he is unable to
6 perform his duties due to the result of the injury, but not
7 longer than one year in relation to the same injury. However,
8 no injury to an employee of the Department of Corrections or
9 the Prisoner Review Board working within a penal institution or
10 an employee of the Department of Human Services working within
11 a departmental mental health or developmental disabilities
12 facility shall qualify the employee for benefits under this
13 Section unless the injury is the direct or indirect result of
14 violence by inmates of the penal institution or residents of
15 the mental health or developmental disabilities facility.

16 (c) At any time during the period for which continuing
17 compensation is required by this Act, the employing public
18 entity may order at the expense of that entity physical or
19 medical examinations of the injured person to determine the
20 degree of disability.

21 (d) During this period of disability, the injured person
22 shall not be employed in any other manner, with or without
23 monetary compensation. Any person who is employed in violation
24 of this paragraph forfeits the continuing compensation
25 provided by this Act from the time such employment begins. Any
26 salary compensation due the injured person from workers'

1 compensation or any salary due him from any type of insurance
2 which may be carried by the employing public entity shall
3 revert to that entity during the time for which continuing
4 compensation is paid to him under this Act. Any person with a
5 disability receiving compensation under the provisions of this
6 Act shall not be entitled to any benefits for which he would
7 qualify because of his disability under the provisions of the
8 Illinois Pension Code.

9 (e) Any employee of the State of Illinois, as defined in
10 Section 14-103.05 of the Illinois Pension Code, who becomes
11 permanently unable to perform the duties of such employment due
12 to an injury received in the active performance of his duties
13 as a State employee as a result of a willful act of violence by
14 another employee of the State of Illinois, as so defined,
15 committed during such other employee's course of employment and
16 after January 1, 1988, shall be eligible for benefits pursuant
17 to the provisions of this Section. For purposes of this
18 Section, permanent disability is defined as a diagnosis or
19 prognosis of an inability to return to current job duties by a
20 physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches.

21 (f) The compensation and other benefits provided to
22 part-time employees covered by this Section shall be calculated
23 based on the percentage of time the part-time employee was
24 scheduled to work pursuant to his or her status as a part-time
25 employee.

26 (g) Pursuant to paragraphs (h) and (i) of Section 6 of

1 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, this Act specifically
2 denies and limits the exercise by home rule units of any power
3 which is inconsistent herewith, and all existing laws and
4 ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby
5 superseded. This Act does not preempt the concurrent exercise
6 by home rule units of powers consistent herewith.

7 This Act does not apply to any home rule unit with a
8 population of over 1,000,000.

9 (h) In those cases where the injury to a State employee for
10 which a benefit is payable under this Act was caused under
11 circumstances creating a legal liability for damages on the
12 part of some person other than the State employer, all of the
13 rights and privileges, including the right to notice of suit
14 brought against such other person and the right to commence or
15 join in such suit, as given the employer, together with the
16 conditions or obligations imposed under paragraph (b) of
17 Section 5 of the Workers' Compensation Act, are also given and
18 granted to the State, to the end that, with respect to State
19 employees only, the State may be paid or reimbursed for the
20 amount of benefit paid or to be paid by the State to the
21 injured employee or his or her personal representative out of
22 any judgment, settlement, or payment for such injury obtained
23 by such injured employee or his or her personal representative
24 from such other person by virtue of the injury.

25 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)