94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/15/2005, by Sen. James A. DeLeo

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/5-154.1 30 ILCS 805/8.29 new

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 5-154.1

Amends the Chicago Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the occupational disease disability benefit shall be equal to 65% of the current salary attached from time to time to the rank held by the police officer at the time of his or her removal from the police department payroll (now the greater of 65% of the salary attached to the rank held by the police officer in the police service at the time of his or her removal from the police department payroll or 50% of the current salary attached from time to time to the rank held by the police officer at the time of his or her removal from the police department payroll). Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing
Section 5-154.1 as follows:

(40 ILCS 5/5-154.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 5-154.1)

Sec. 5-154.1. Occupational disease disability benefit.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that service in the police 9 department requires police officers in times of stress and 10 danger to perform unusual tasks; that police officers are 11 subject to exposure to extreme heat or extreme cold in certain 12 seasons while performing their duties; and that these 13 conditions exist and arise out of or in the course of 14 employment.

15 (b) Any police officer with at least 10 years of service who suffers a heart attack or any other disabling heart disease 16 17 but is not entitled to a benefit under Section 5-154 is 18 entitled to receive an occupational disease disability benefit 19 under this Section. The occupational disease disability 20 benefit shall be 65% of the current salary attached from time to time to the rank held by the police officer in the police 21 22 service at the time of his or her removal from the police department payroll. 23 However, no occupational disease 24 disability benefit that has been payable under this Section for 25 at least 10 years shall be less than 50% of the current salary 26 attached from time to time to the rank held by the police officer at the time of his or her removal from the police 27 28 department payroll.

The police officer is also entitled to a child's disability benefit of \$100 per month for each natural or legally adopted unmarried child less than age 18 dependent upon the police officer for support. The total child's disability benefit shall SB0361

not exceed 10% of the police officer's salary at the time of removal from the police department payroll. The increase in child's disability benefit provided by this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly applies beginning January 1, 2000 to all such benefits payable on or after that date, regardless of whether the disabled policeman is in active service on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act.

8 The occupational disease disability benefit is payable 9 during the period of disability until the police officer 10 attains age 63 or compulsory retirement age, whichever occurs 11 later; thereafter the police officer shall receive the benefits 12 provided under the other provisions of this Article. If the 13 police officer ceases to be disabled, the occupational disease 14 disability benefit shall cease.

The child's disability benefit is payable during the period 15 16 of disability until the child attains age 18 or marries, 17 whichever event occurs first, except that a benefit payable on account of a child under this Section shall not be reduced or 18 19 terminated by reason of the child's attainment of age 18 if he 20 or she is then dependent by reason of a physical or mental disability, but shall continue to be paid as long as the 21 child's dependency and disability continue. 22

23 The changes made to this subsection (b) by this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly apply without regard to 24 whether the police officer was in service on or after its 25 effective date. In the case of a person who is receiving an 26 27 occupational disease disability benefit on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, the 28 increase, if any, shall begin to accrue on the first benefit 29 30 payment date following that effective date.

31 (Source: P.A. 92-52, eff. 7-12-01.)

32 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding 33 Section 8.29 as follows:

34 (30 ILCS 805/8.29 new)

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Sec. 8.29. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly.

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 6 becoming law.