96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2142

Introduced 2/20/2009, by Sen. William Delgado

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/5-228 30 ILCS 805/8.33 new from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 5-228

Amends the Chicago Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if any policeman whose application for either a duty disability benefit or an occupational disease disability benefit has been denied by the Retirement Board brings an action for administrative review challenging the denial of disability benefits and the policeman prevails in the action in administrative review, then the prevailing policeman shall be entitled to recover from the Fund court costs and litigation expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, as part of the costs of the action. 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 5-228 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/5-228) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 5-228)

7 Sec. 5-228. Administrative review.

8 <u>(a)</u> The provisions of the Administrative Review Law, and 9 all amendments and modifications thereof and the rules adopted 10 pursuant thereto, shall apply to and govern all proceedings for 11 the judicial review of final administrative decisions of the 12 retirement board provided for under this Article. The term 13 "administrative decision" is as defined in Section 3-101 of the 14 Code of Civil Procedure.

(b) If any policeman whose application for either a duty 15 16 disability benefit under Section 5-154 or for an occupational 17 disease disability benefit under Section 5-154.1 has been denied by the Retirement Board brings an action for 18 19 administrative review challenging the denial of disability 20 benefits and the policeman prevails in the action in 21 administrative review, then the prevailing policeman shall be 22 entitled to recover from the Fund court costs and litigation expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, as part of the 23

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- 1 <u>costs of the action.</u>
- 2 (Source: P.A. 82-783.)

3 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding 4 Section 8.33 as follows:

5 (30 ILCS 805/8.33 new)

6 Sec. 8.33. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8 7 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the 8 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of 9 the 96th General Assembly.

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