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HOUSE BILL 899

Short Title: Law Enforcement Death Benefits.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives DeVane; Albertson, Bowman, Lilley, and Warner.

Referred to: Pensions and Retirement.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE THE LAW RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS'
DEATH BENEFITS MORE EQUITABLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143-116.2(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) The term 'law-enforcement officer,' 'officer,' or 'fireman' shall mean all law-enforcement officers ~~employed full time by serving~~ the State of North Carolina or any county or municipality thereof and all full-time custodial employees of the North Carolina Department of Correction and all full-time institutional and detention employees of the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Resources. The term 'firemen' shall mean both 'eligible fireman'; or 'fireman' as defined in G.S. 58-86-25 and all full-time, permanent part-time and temporary employees of the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources, Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, during the time they are actively engaged in fire-fighting activities; and shall mean all full-time employees of the North Carolina Department of Insurance during the time they are actively engaged in fire-fighting activities, during the time they are training fire fighters or rescue squad workers, and during the time they are engaged in activities as members of the State Emergency Response Team, when the Team has been activated. The term 'rescue squad worker' shall mean a person who is dedicated to the purpose of alleviating human suffering and assisting anyone who is in difficulty or who is injured or becomes suddenly ill by providing the proper and efficient care or emergency medical services. In addition, this person must belong to an organized rescue squad which is eligible for membership in the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads, Inc., and the person must have attended a minimum of 36 hours of

1 training and meetings in the last calendar year. Each rescue squad belonging to the
2 North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads, Inc., must file a roster of those members
3 meeting the above requirements with the State Auditor on or about January 1 of each
4 year, and this roster must be certified to by the secretary of said association. In
5 addition, the term 'rescue squad worker' shall mean a member of an ambulance service
6 certified by the Department of Human Resources pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 131E
7 of the General Statutes. The Department of Human Resources shall furnish a list of
8 ambulance service members to the State Auditor on or about January 1 of each year.
9 The term 'Civil Air Patrol members' shall mean those senior members of the North
10 Carolina Wing-Civil Air Patrol 18 years of age or older and currently certified pursuant
11 to G.S. 143B-491(a). The term 'fireman' shall also mean county fire marshals when
12 engaged in the performance of their county duties. The term 'rescue squad worker' shall
13 also mean county emergency services coordinators when engaged in the performance of
14 their county duties."

15 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.