GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

S D **SENATE DRS15203-RO-8 (3/16)** Short Title: Health Benefits for Disabled Local LEO. (Public) Sponsors: Senator Berger of Rockingham. Referred to: A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS TO THEIR DISABLED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IF THIS BENEFIT IS PROVIDED TO THE EMPLOYER'S OTHER RETIREES. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: **SECTION 1.** Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read: "Article 12I. "Health Insurance Benefits for Local Law Enforcement Disability Retirees. "§ 143-166.90. Health insurance benefits for disabled local law enforcement officers. Any law enforcement officer, as defined by G.S. 143-166.50(a)(3), employed (a) by a county, city, town, or other political subdivision of the State, who becomes disabled and entitled to a benefit in accordance with G.S. 128-27(c), shall be eligible for health insurance benefits on the same basis as a person who retired from that employer in accordance with G.S. 128-27(b21). The employer shall provide health insurance benefits to a disabled law enforcement officer without regard to the number of years of

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.

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