

HB5565



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HB5565

by Rep. Justin Slaughter

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

820 ILCS 315/2

from Ch. 48, par. 282

Amends the Line of Duty Compensation Act. Includes probation officers within the scope of the Act.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning employment.

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

4 Section 5. The Line of Duty Compensation Act is amended by
5 changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (820 ILCS 315/2) (from Ch. 48, par. 282)

7 Sec. 2. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise
8 requires:

9 (a) "Law enforcement officer" or "officer" means any person
10 employed by the State or a local governmental entity as a
11 policeman, peace officer, auxiliary policeman or in some like
12 position involving the enforcement of the law and protection of
13 the public interest at the risk of that person's life. This
14 includes supervisors, wardens, superintendents and their
15 assistants, guards and keepers, correctional officers, youth
16 supervisors, parole agents, aftercare specialists, school
17 teachers and correctional counsellors in all facilities of both
18 the Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile
19 Justice, while within the facilities under the control of the
20 Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice
21 or in the act of transporting inmates or wards from one
22 location to another or while performing their official duties,
23 and all other Department of Correction or Department of

1 Juvenile Justice employees who have daily contact with inmates.
2 "Law enforcement officer" or "officer" also means a probation
3 officer, as defined in Section 9b of the Probation and
4 Probation Officers Act.

5 The death of the foregoing employees of the Department of
6 Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice in order to
7 be included herein must be by the direct or indirect willful
8 act of an inmate, ward, work-releasee, parolee, aftercare
9 releasee, parole violator, aftercare release violator, person
10 under conditional release, or any person sentenced or
11 committed, or otherwise subject to confinement in or to the
12 Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile
13 Justice.

14 (b) "Fireman" means any person employed by the State or a
15 local governmental entity as, or otherwise serving as, a member
16 or officer of a fire department either for the purpose of the
17 prevention or control of fire or the underwater recovery of
18 drowning victims, including volunteer firemen.

19 (c) "Local governmental entity" includes counties,
20 municipalities and municipal corporations.

21 (d) "State" means the State of Illinois and its
22 departments, divisions, boards, bureaus, commissions,
23 authorities and colleges and universities.

24 (e) "Killed in the line of duty" means losing one's life as
25 a result of injury received in the active performance of duties
26 as a law enforcement officer, civil defense worker, civil air

1 patrol member, paramedic, fireman, or chaplain if the death
2 occurs within one year from the date the injury was received
3 and if that injury arose from violence or other accidental
4 cause. In the case of a State employee, "killed in the line of
5 duty" means losing one's life as a result of injury received in
6 the active performance of one's duties as a State employee, if
7 the death occurs within one year from the date the injury was
8 received and if that injury arose from a willful act of
9 violence by another State employee committed during such other
10 employee's course of employment and after January 1, 1988. The
11 term excludes death resulting from the willful misconduct or
12 intoxication of the officer, civil defense worker, civil air
13 patrol member, paramedic, fireman, chaplain, or State
14 employee. However, the burden of proof of such willful
15 misconduct or intoxication of the officer, civil defense
16 worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman, chaplain,
17 or State employee is on the Attorney General. Subject to the
18 conditions set forth in subsection (a) with respect to
19 inclusion under this Act of Department of Corrections and
20 Department of Juvenile Justice employees described in that
21 subsection, for the purposes of this Act, instances in which a
22 law enforcement officer receives an injury in the active
23 performance of duties as a law enforcement officer include but
24 are not limited to instances when:

25 (1) the injury is received as a result of a wilful act
26 of violence committed other than by the officer and a

1 relationship exists between the commission of such act and
2 the officer's performance of his duties as a law
3 enforcement officer, whether or not the injury is received
4 while the officer is on duty as a law enforcement officer;

5 (2) the injury is received by the officer while the
6 officer is attempting to prevent the commission of a
7 criminal act by another or attempting to apprehend an
8 individual the officer suspects has committed a crime,
9 whether or not the injury is received while the officer is
10 on duty as a law enforcement officer;

11 (3) the injury is received by the officer while the
12 officer is travelling to or from his employment as a law
13 enforcement officer or during any meal break, or other
14 break, which takes place during the period in which the
15 officer is on duty as a law enforcement officer.

16 In the case of an Armed Forces member, "killed in the line
17 of duty" means losing one's life while on active duty in
18 connection with the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the
19 United States, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's
20 Sentinel, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, or
21 Operation Inherent Resolve.

22 (f) "Volunteer fireman" means a person having principal
23 employment other than as a fireman, but who is carried on the
24 rolls of a regularly constituted fire department either for the
25 purpose of the prevention or control of fire or the underwater
26 recovery of drowning victims, the members of which are under

1 the jurisdiction of the corporate authorities of a city,
2 village, incorporated town, or fire protection district, and
3 includes a volunteer member of a fire department organized
4 under the "General Not for Profit Corporation Act", approved
5 July 17, 1943, as now or hereafter amended, which is under
6 contract with any city, village, incorporated town, fire
7 protection district, or persons residing therein, for fire
8 fighting services. "Volunteer fireman" does not mean an
9 individual who volunteers assistance without being regularly
10 enrolled as a fireman.

11 (g) "Civil defense worker" means any person employed by the
12 State or a local governmental entity as, or otherwise serving
13 as, a member of a civil defense work force, including volunteer
14 civil defense work forces engaged in serving the public
15 interest during periods of disaster, whether natural or
16 man-made.

17 (h) "Civil air patrol member" means any person employed by
18 the State or a local governmental entity as, or otherwise
19 serving as, a member of the organization commonly known as the
20 "Civil Air Patrol", including volunteer members of the
21 organization commonly known as the "Civil Air Patrol".

22 (i) "Paramedic" means an Emergency Medical
23 Technician-Paramedic certified by the Illinois Department of
24 Public Health under the Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
25 Systems Act, and all other emergency medical personnel
26 certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health who are

1 members of an organized body or not-for-profit corporation
2 under the jurisdiction of a city, village, incorporated town,
3 fire protection district or county, that provides emergency
4 medical treatment to persons of a defined geographical area.

5 (j) "State employee" means any employee as defined in
6 Section 14-103.05 of the Illinois Pension Code, as now or
7 hereafter amended.

8 (k) "Chaplain" means an individual who:

9 (1) is a chaplain of (i) a fire department or (ii) a
10 police department or other agency consisting of law
11 enforcement officers; and

12 (2) has been designated a chaplain by (i) the fire
13 department, police department, or other agency or an
14 officer or body having jurisdiction over the department or
15 agency or (ii) a labor organization representing the
16 firemen or law enforcement officers.

17 (l) "Armed Forces member" means an Illinois resident who
18 is: a member of the Armed Forces of the United States; a member
19 of the Illinois National Guard while on active military service
20 pursuant to an order of the President of the United States; or
21 a member of any reserve component of the Armed Forces of the
22 United States while on active military service pursuant to an
23 order of the President of the United States.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-226, eff. 8-18-17.)