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SYNOPSIS

Revises workers' compensation coverage for certain injuries to certain volunteer and professional public safety and law enforcement personnel.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning workers' compensation coverage and amending
2 P.L.1987, c.382.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1987, c.382 (C.34:15-7.3) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. For any cardiovascular or cerebrovascular injury or death
10 which occurs to an individual covered by subsection b. of this
11 section while that individual is engaged in a response to an
12 emergency, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the
13 response to the emergency included a work effort sufficient to cause
14 injury or death [is] and thus compensable under R.S. 34:15-1 et
15 seq., if that injury or death occurs while the individual is responding
16 [, under orders from competent authority,] to or, in the case of
17 paid, part-paid, or volunteer firefighters, or career emergency
18 medical technicians or paramedics, remediating from a law
19 enforcement, public safety or medical emergency as defined in
20 subsection c. of this section.

21 b. This section shall apply to:

22 (1) Any permanent or temporary member of a paid or part-paid
23 fire or police department and force;

24 (2) Any member of a volunteer fire company;

25 (3) Any member of a volunteer first aid or rescue squad; **[and]**

26 (4) Any special, reserve, or auxiliary policeman doing volunteer
27 duty; and

28 (5) Any career emergency medical technician or paramedic,
29 employed by the State, a county, a municipality, or a private sector
30 counterpart, who is engaged in public emergency medical and
31 rescue services.

32 c. As used in this section **[,]** :

33 "**[law]** Law enforcement, public safety or medical emergency"
34 means any combination of circumstances requiring immediate
35 action to prevent the loss of human life, the destruction of property,
36 or the violation of the criminal laws of this State or its political
37 subdivisions, and includes, but is not limited to, the suppression of
38 a fire, a firemanic drill, the apprehension of a criminal, or medical
39 and rescue service.

40 "Remediating from" means leaving an emergency in a reasonable
41 period of time, not to exceed 24 hours from the end of the
42 emergency, to carry out post-incident agency protocols and
43 decompression including measures such as critical incident stress
44 debriefings.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

