

By Representative Bilirakis

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to law enforcement officers'
3 disabilities; amending s. 112.18, F.S.;
4 including county law enforcement officers
5 within special provisions creating a
6 presumption relating to causes of certain
7 disabilities; providing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Section 112.18, Florida Statutes, is
12 amended to read:

13 112.18 Firefighters and state or county law
14 enforcement officers; special provisions relative to
15 disability.--

16 (1) Any condition or impairment of health of any
17 Florida state, municipal, county, port authority, special tax
18 district, or fire control district firefighter or state or
19 county law enforcement officer caused by tuberculosis, heart
20 disease, or hypertension resulting in total or partial
21 disability or death shall be presumed to have been accidental
22 and to have been suffered in the line of duty unless the
23 contrary be shown by competent evidence. However, any such
24 firefighter or state or county law enforcement officer shall
25 have successfully passed a physical examination upon entering
26 into any such service as a firefighter or state or county law
27 enforcement officer, which examination failed to reveal any
28 evidence of any such condition. Such presumption shall not
29 apply to benefits payable under or granted in a policy of life
30 insurance or disability insurance, unless the insurer and

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1 insured have negotiated for such additional benefits to be
2 included in the policy contract.
3 (2) This section shall be construed to authorize the
4 above governmental entities to negotiate policy contracts for
5 life and disability insurance to include accidental death
6 benefits or double indemnity coverage which shall include the
7 presumption that any condition or impairment of health of any
8 firefighter caused by tuberculosis, heart disease, or
9 hypertension resulting in total or partial disability or death
10 was accidental and suffered in the line of duty, unless the
11 contrary be shown by competent evidence.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
13 law.

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15 HOUSE SUMMARY

16 Includes county law enforcement officers within special
17 provisions creating a presumption relating to causes of
18 disabilities.
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