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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to county law enforcement
3 officers; amending s. 112.18, F.S.; including
4 such officers under provisions for firefighters
5 and state law enforcement officers which
6 provide special presumptions with respect to
7 disability resulting from certain diseases;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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 July 1, 2001.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Includes county law enforcement offices under provisions that provide special presumptions with respect to disability resulting from certain diseases.