

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Appropriations.

SB23-280 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 7, line 11, strike "STATE" and substitute "STATE,
2 TO MAKE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO A MULTIPLE EMPLOYER HEALTH
3 TRUST IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTARY FIREFIGHTER CANCER
4 BENEFITS PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PART 4 OF ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 29, AND".

5 Page 21, after line 16 insert:

6 "SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-5-402, **amend**
7 (2) and (3); and **add** (4.5) as follows:

8 **29-5-402. Definitions.** As used in this part 4, unless the context
9 otherwise requires:

10 (2) "Covered individual" means a firefighter, HAZARDOUS
11 MATERIALS TROOPER, part-time firefighter, or volunteer firefighter who
12 meets the coverage requirements in section 29-5-403 (12).

13 (3) "Employer" means a municipality, special district, fire
14 authority, or county improvement district that employs one or more
15 firefighters, part-time firefighters, or volunteer firefighters. Beginning
16 July 1, 2020, "employer" also means the division of fire prevention and
17 control created in section 24-33.5-1201 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
18 SAFETY CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1603. "Employer" does not include
19 a power authority created pursuant to section 29-1-204 or a municipally
20 owned utility.

21 (4.5) "HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TROOPER" MEANS A PERSON
22 EMPLOYED BY THE COLORADO STATE PATROL TO SUPPORT THE
23 REGULATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON HIGHWAYS IN THE STATE.

24 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-5-403, **amend**
25 (12)(a); and **add** (12)(b)(I.5) as follows:

26 **29-5-403. Required benefits - conditions of receiving benefits.**

27 (12) (a) In order for a covered individual to be eligible for the benefits in
28 this section, prior to the diagnosis of cancer and no more than five years
29 for a firefighter or HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TROOPER AND no more than
30 ten years for a volunteer firefighter or part-time firefighter after the
31 firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or part-time firefighter became employed
32 by an employer, the firefighter, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TROOPER,
33 volunteer firefighter, or part-time firefighter must have had a medical
34 examination that would reasonably have found an illness or injury that
35 could have caused the cancer and no illness or injury was found.

36 (b) In addition to subsection (12)(a) of this section, in order for a
37 covered individual to be eligible for the benefits in this section, the
38 following conditions must be met:

- 1 (I.5) THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TROOPER:
- 2 (A) HAS AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS, FULL-TIME
- 3 EMPLOYMENT AS A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TROOPER; AND
- 4 (B) IS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER WITHIN TEN YEARS AFTER
- 5 CEASING EMPLOYMENT AS A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TROOPER; OR".
- 6 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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