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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3538

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 3538, AS AMENDED,  
3 by adding Section 15 in its proper numeric sequence as  
4 follows:

5 "Section 15. The Fire Protection District Act is amended  
6 by adding Section 6.3 as follows:

7 (70 ILCS 705/6.3 new)

8 Sec. 6.3. Mental health counseling.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "First responders" means firefighters, emergency medical  
11 services personnel, as that term is defined in Section 3.5 of  
12 the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act, dispatched  
13 pursuant to a 9-1-1 call, emergency medical dispatchers, as  
14 that term is defined in Section 3.70 of the Emergency Medical  
15 Services (EMS) Systems Act, and public safety  
16 telecommunicators, as that term is defined in Section 2 of the

1 Emergency Telephone System Act.

2 "Mental health counseling" means counseling therapy  
3 sessions provided by a clinical social worker, professional  
4 counselor, or licensed psychologist.

5 (b) If a fire protection district is a self-insurer for  
6 purposes of providing health insurance coverage for its  
7 employees, the insurance coverage shall include, on and after  
8 June 1, 2025, mental health counseling for any employee who is  
9 a first responder without imposing a deductible, coinsurance,  
10 copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement on the  
11 coverage provided, except that this Section does not apply to  
12 the extent such coverage would disqualify a high-deductible  
13 health plan from eligibility for a health savings account  
14 pursuant to Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code."