

1 AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by
5 changing Section 5-154.1 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/5-154.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 5-154.1)

7 Sec. 5-154.1. Occupational disease disability benefit.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that service in the
9 police department requires police officers in times of stress
10 and danger to perform unusual tasks; that police officers are
11 subject to exposure to extreme heat or extreme cold in
12 certain seasons while performing their duties; and that these
13 conditions exist and arise out of or in the course of
14 employment.

15 (b) Any police officer with at least 10 years of service
16 who suffers a heart attack or any other disabling heart
17 disease but is not entitled to a benefit under Section 5-154
18 is entitled to receive an occupational disease disability
19 benefit under this Section. The occupational disease
20 disability benefit shall be 65% of the salary attached to the
21 rank held by the police officer in the police service at the
22 time of his or her removal from the police department
23 payroll. However, beginning on January 1, 2000, no
24 occupational disease disability benefit that has been payable
25 under this Section for at least 7 years ~~10-years~~ shall be
26 less than 60% ~~50%~~ of the current salary attached from time to
27 time to the rank held by the police officer at the time of
28 his or her removal from the police department payroll,
29 regardless of whether that removal occurred before the
30 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General
31 Assembly.

1 The police officer is also entitled to a child's
2 disability benefit of \$100 per month for each natural or
3 legally adopted unmarried child less than age 18 dependent
4 upon the police officer for support. The total child's
5 disability benefit shall not exceed 10% of the police
6 officer's salary at the time of removal from the police
7 department payroll. The increase in child's disability
8 benefit provided by this amendatory Act of the 92nd General
9 Assembly applies beginning January 1, 2000 to all such
10 benefits payable on or after that date, regardless of whether
11 the disabled policeman is in active service on or after the
12 effective date of this amendatory Act.

13 The occupational disease disability benefit is payable
14 during the period of disability until the police officer
15 attains age 63 or compulsory retirement age, whichever occurs
16 later; thereafter the police officer shall receive the
17 benefits provided under the other provisions of this Article.
18 If the police officer ceases to be disabled, the occupational
19 disease disability benefit shall cease.

20 The child's disability benefit is payable during the
21 period of disability until the child attains age 18 or
22 marries, whichever event occurs first, except that a benefit
23 payable on account of a child under this Section shall not be
24 reduced or terminated by reason of the child's attainment of
25 age 18 if he or she is then dependent by reason of a physical
26 or mental disability, but shall continue to be paid as long
27 as the child's dependency and disability continue.

28 (Source: P.A. 92-52, eff. 7-12-01.)

29 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
30 Section 8.26 as follows:

31 (30 ILCS 805/8.26 new)

32 Sec. 8.26. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6

1 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required
2 for the implementation of any mandate created by this
3 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.