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SENATE DRS55233-LL-165 (5/3)

Short Title: Death Benefits/Probation and Parole Officers.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Kerr.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICERS ARE COVERED BY THE LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS', FIREMEN'S, RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' AND CIVIL AIR PATROL MEMBERS' DEATH BENEFITS ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143-166.2(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) The term "law-enforcement officer," "officer," or "fireman" shall mean all law-enforcement officers employed full time by the State of North Carolina or any county or municipality thereof and all full-time custodial employees and probation and parole officers of the North Carolina Department of Correction and all full-time institutional and detention employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The term "firemen" shall mean both "eligible fireman"; or "fireman" as defined in G.S. 58-86-25 and all full-time, permanent part-time and temporary employees of the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, during the time they are actively engaged in fire-fighting activities; and shall mean all full-time employees of the North Carolina Department of Insurance during the time they are actively engaged in fire-fighting activities, during the time they are training fire fighters or rescue squad workers, and during the time they are engaged in activities as members of the State Emergency Response Team, when the Team has been activated. The term "rescue squad worker" shall mean a person who is dedicated to the purpose of alleviating human suffering and assisting anyone who is in difficulty or who is injured or becomes suddenly ill by providing the proper and efficient care or emergency medical services. In addition, this person must belong to an organized rescue squad which is eligible for membership in the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads, Inc., and the person must have attended a minimum of 36 hours of training and meetings in the last calendar year. Each

1 rescue squad belonging to the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads, Inc., must
2 file a roster of those members meeting the above requirements with the State Treasurer
3 on or about January 1 of each year, and this roster must be certified to by the secretary
4 of said association. In addition, the term "rescue squad worker" shall mean a member of
5 an ambulance service certified by the Department of Health and Human Services
6 pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes. The Department of
7 Health and Human Services shall furnish a list of ambulance service members to the
8 State Treasurer on or about January 1 of each year. The term "Civil Air Patrol
9 members" shall mean those senior members of the North Carolina Wing-Civil Air
10 Patrol 18 years of age or older and currently certified pursuant to G.S. 143B-491(a). The
11 term "fireman" shall also mean county fire marshals when engaged in the performance
12 of their county duties. The term "rescue squad worker" shall also mean county
13 emergency services coordinators when engaged in the performance of their county
14 duties."

15 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to
16 persons killed in the line of duty on or after that date.