

HB 1679 - H AMD 144

By Representative Ericks

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1 On page 2, line 28, after "(4) insert the following:

2 "As a benefit of the law enforcement officers and firefighters
3 retirement system plan 2, in addition to the rates charged to law
4 enforcement officers and firefighters who are totally disabled in the
5 line of duty and receiving a retirement allowance as provided under
6 RCW 41.26.470(8) pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the
7 authority shall actuarially determine and charge an amount to the law
8 enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 2 to
9 fully offset the increase in the cost of the community rated risk pool
10 established under RCW 41.05.022 resulting from the participation of
11 these totally disabled members of the law enforcement officers' and
12 firefighters' retirement system plan 2. The number of totally
13 disabled members assumed by the authority in the calculation of cost
14 to the community rated risk pool for a plan year may be no greater
15 than the actual number of members receiving the total disability
16 allowance under RCW 41.26.470(8) as of the date of actuarial valuation
17 of the community risk pool for the upcoming plan year, plus the
18 average annual change in the number of disability allowances provided
19 under 41.26.470(8) during the prior plan year.

20 (5)"

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22 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
23 references accordingly.

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25 On page 3, after line 20, insert the following:

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1 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 41.26 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The participation of totally disabled members of the law
4 enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 2 in
5 the health insurance plans administered by the health care authority
6 is a benefit of the law enforcement officers' and firefighters'
7 retirement system plan 2. The increased health benefit costs charged
8 by the health care authority pursuant to RCW 41.05.080(4) to offset
9 the impact on the community rated risk pool resulting from
10 participation of members of the law enforcement officers' and
11 firefighters' plan 2 members who are totally disabled in the line of
12 duty, spouses, and dependents shall be charged first to the law
13 enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 2 fund.
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15 **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of
16 the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state
17 government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
18 immediately.

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20 **Sec. 5.** This act expires July 1, 2011."

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22 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Provides that participation in the Health Care Authority
health plans are a benefit of LEOFF Plan 2, and the increased
costs to the community rated risk pool not covered by the
subscriber premiums (commonly referred to as the implicit subsidy
costs) resulting from the participation of totally disabled
members of the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters'
Retirement System Plan 2 (LEOFF Plan 2) in health care authority
plans shall be paid for through a charge to the LEOFF Plan 2 Fund.
An emergency clause is added, making the bill take effect
immediately, and the bill expires July 1, 2011.

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