THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1060 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY DELOZIER AND JAMES, APRIL 28, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, APRIL 28, 2023

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, in COVID-19 enforcement officer
- disability benefits, further providing for enforcement
- 4 officer disability benefits.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Section 57A02 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
- 8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 9 § 57A02. Enforcement officer disability benefits.
- 10 (a) General rule. -- A person covered under section 1(a) of
- 11 the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the
- 12 Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, who, during the
- 13 duration of a declaration of a disaster emergency for COVID-19
- 14 <u>declared by the Governor</u>, contracts or is diagnosed with
- 15 [coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), as identified in the
- 16 proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on
- 17 March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020),]
- 18 <u>COVID-19</u> or is subject to quarantine resulting from exposure to
- 19 COVID-19, and by reason thereof is temporarily incapacitated

- 1 from performing his duties, shall be compensated in accordance
- 2 with section 1(a) of the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits
- 3 Law.
- 4 (b) Limitation. -- A benefit received under subsection (a)
- 5 shall be limited to 60 days for each incident.
- 6 (c) Definitions. -- As used in this section, the following
- 7 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 8 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 9 <u>"COVID-19." The coronavirus disease 2019, being an</u>
- 10 <u>infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome</u>
- 11 coronavirus 2 that was first identified during December 2019 in
- 12 Wuhan, China.
- 13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.