



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6215

LCO No. 2568

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR
CORRECTION OFFICERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) If a correction officer
2 who is a member of the state employees retirement system becomes
3 either permanently disabled or permanently unable to render service
4 as a correction officer as a result of extraordinary circumstances while
5 in state service, the member shall be elevated to the highest pay grade
6 in the member's bargaining unit, effective not later than the member's
7 last day of active state service, for the purpose of calculating the
8 member's disability retirement income. For purposes of this section,
9 "extraordinary circumstances" means circumstances involving a special
10 hazard inherent in the duties of a correction officer, as set forth in
11 regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Correction shall adopt regulations, in
13 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
14 establish criteria for determining what special hazards inherent in the
15 duties of a correction officer constitute extraordinary circumstances for
16 purposes of subsection (a) of this section.

17 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter the amount of
18 compensation due any member of a correctional institution pursuant
19 to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 5-142 of the general
20 statutes or chapter 568 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To provide a higher rate of disability retirement compensation for correction officers who are permanently disabled due to extensive work-related injuries.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]