

# SENATE BILL No. 61

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 5-10-17.

**Synopsis:** Emergency medical services provider disability benefits. Authorizes a municipal corporation to provide programs of disability insurance (programs) to its emergency medical services providers who become disabled as the result of an injury or illness: (1) that is not covered by worker's compensation or occupational diseases compensation; or (2) for which worker's compensation or occupational diseases compensation has been exhausted. Provides that the elimination or waiting period before a benefit begins may not be greater than: (1) 30 days, for a short term disability program; or (2) 120 days, for a long term disability program. Allows a municipal corporation to provide the programs by purchasing policies of group insurance or establishing a self-insurance program. Requires the fiscal body of a municipal corporation to approve the establishment of a self-insurance program. Allows the programs to exclude part-time employees and individuals who provide services to the municipal corporation under a contract. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the pension management oversight commission.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 6, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-10-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
 2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 3 1, 2014]:  
 4 **Chapter 17. Emergency Medical Services Provider Disability**  
 5 **Benefits**  
 6 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to an emergency medical services**  
 7 **provider who is:**  
 8 (1) **employed by a municipal corporation; and**  
 9 (2) **not eligible for a disability benefit under IC 36-8-6,**  
 10 **IC 36-8-7, IC 36-8-7.5, or IC 36-8-8.**  
 11 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "emergency medical services**  
 12 **provider" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-10-1.**  
 13 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "fiscal body" has the meaning set**  
 14 **forth in IC 36-1-2-6.**  
 15 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "municipal corporation" has the**  
 16 **meaning set forth in IC 5-10-9-1.**



1           **Sec. 5. (a) A municipal corporation may provide programs of**  
2 **disability insurance to its emergency medical services providers**  
3 **who become disabled as the result of an injury or illness:**

4           **(1) that is not covered by:**

5           **(A) worker's compensation (IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6);**

6           **or**

7           **(B) worker's occupational diseases compensation**

8           **(IC 22-3-7); or**

9           **(2) for which coverage under worker's compensation or**  
10 **worker's occupational diseases compensation has been**  
11 **exhausted.**

12          **(b) A program established under subsection (a) may not have an**  
13 **elimination or waiting period of greater than the following before**  
14 **a benefit begins:**

15          **(1) Thirty (30) days, for a short term disability program.**

16          **(2) One hundred twenty (120) days, for a long term disability**  
17 **program.**

18          **(c) A municipal corporation may provide the programs of**  
19 **disability insurance described in subsection (a) through either of**  
20 **the following:**

21          **(1) By purchasing policies of group insurance.**

22          **(2) By establishing self-insurance programs.**

23          **(d) A municipal corporation may exclude from coverage under**  
24 **a program of disability insurance an emergency medical services**  
25 **provider who:**

26          **(1) is a part-time employee (as defined by the municipal**  
27 **corporation); or**

28          **(2) provides services to the municipal corporation under a**  
29 **contract.**

30          **(e) The establishment of a self-insurance program under this**  
31 **section is subject to the approval of the municipal corporation's**  
32 **fiscal body.**

