

HOUSE BILL 94

By Moore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 24 and Title 7, Chapter 51, relative to firefighters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-201(b), is amended by adding a new item thereto, as follows:

(3) Any compensation paid to firefighters for any condition or impairment of health that results in loss of life in the line of duty or course of employment, other than workers' compensation, pursuant to this part shall be administered by the commission on firefighting personnel standards and education.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-24-106, is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (5), by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (6) and by substituting instead the language and punctuation "; and", and by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(7) Administer death benefits, other than workers' compensation benefits, to firefighters whose loss of life was in the line of duty or course of employment. This subdivision shall only apply to the state of Tennessee or any municipal corporation or other political subdivision of the state that maintains a regular fire department manned by regular and full-time employees that has established compensation for the deaths of such employees.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.