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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1182

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

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

SECTION 1. IC 22-3-3-21, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2005, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 21. In cases of the death of an employee from an injury by an accident arising out of and in the course of the employee's employment under circumstances that the employee would have been entitled to compensation if death had not resulted, the employer shall pay the burial expenses of such employee, not exceeding ~~seven ten thousand five hundred~~ dollars (\$7,500): **(\$10,000)**.

SECTION 2. IC 22-3-7-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2005, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 15. In cases of the death of an employee from an occupational disease arising out of and in the course of the employee's employment under circumstances that the employee would have been entitled to compensation if death had not resulted, the employer shall pay the burial expenses of such employee, not exceeding ~~seven ten thousand five hundred~~ dollars (\$7,500): **(\$10,000)**.

SECTION 3. IC 36-8-12-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.174-2009, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 10. (a) A:

- (1) volunteer firefighter, a member of the emergency medical services personnel, or an emergency medical technician working in a volunteer capacity for a volunteer fire department or

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ambulance company is covered; and

(2) volunteer working for a hazardous materials response team may be covered;

by the medical treatment and burial expense provisions of the worker's compensation law (IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6) and the worker's occupational diseases law (IC 22-3-7).

(b) **Subject to section 10.3 of this chapter**, if compensability of the injury is an issue, the administrative procedures of IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 and IC 22-3-7 shall be used to determine the issue.

(c) This subsection applies to all units, including counties. All expenses incurred for premiums of the insurance allowed under this section may be paid from the unit's general fund in the same manner as other expenses in the unit are paid.

SECTION 4. IC 36-8-12-10.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 10.3. (a) This section applies to an employee of a private employer who:**

(1) is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer member; and

(2) has notified the employee's employer in writing that the employee is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer member, regardless of whether the employer rejected the notification under section 10.7(c) of this chapter.

(b) An employee described in subsection (a) who leaves the employee's duty station to respond to a fire or emergency call after the employee has reported to work shall, for worker's compensation purposes, be considered an employee of the unit while in the performance of the duties of a volunteer firefighter or volunteer member.

(c) The employee described in subsection (a) shall, for worker's compensation purposes, be considered as having entered in and acted in the regular course and scope of the employment with the unit when the employee responds to the fire or emergency call as a volunteer firefighter or volunteer member, regardless of whether the employee responds by traveling:

(1) to a fire station or other place where firefighting equipment that the company or unit is to use is located; or

(2) to perform any activities that the employee may be directed to do by the chief of the fire department or, in the absence of the chief, the ranking officer.

(d) The employee described in subsection (a) shall, for worker's compensation purposes, be considered an employee of the unit until the employee returns to the location from which the employee was



originally called to active duty, or until the employee engages in an activity beyond the scope of the performance of the duties of the volunteer firefighter or volunteer member, whichever occurs first.



Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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