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H.B. No. 479

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to additional sick leave for certain peace officers and corrections officers who work overtime.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 661, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 661.2021 to read as follows:

Sec. 661.2021. ADDITIONAL SICK LEAVE FOR PEACE OFFICERS AND CORRECTIONS OFFICERS. (a) This section applies only to:

(1) a state employee who is a peace officer under Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, and commissioned by a state officer or state agency; and

(2) a member of the class of employees of the institutional division or the state jail division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice formally designated as custodial personnel under Section 615.006 by the Texas Board of Criminal Justice or its predecessor in function.

(b) In addition to the sick leave provided under Section 661.202(c), a person described by Subsection (a) who works overtime during a month accrues additional sick leave for the month as follows:

(1) less than 20 hours of overtime during the month, one hour of sick leave;

(2) at least 20 hours but less than 40 hours of overtime during the month, two hours of sick leave;

1           (3) at least 40 hours but less than 60 hours of  
2 overtime during the month, three hours of sick leave;

3           (4) at least 60 hours but less than 80 hours of  
4 overtime during the month, four hours of sick leave; and

5           (5) 80 hours or more of overtime during the month, five  
6 hours of sick leave.

7           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.