

SENATE AMENDMENTS
2nd Printing

By: Turner, Bumgarner, Patterson, McQueeney, H.B. No. 4144
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to supplemental benefits for retired firefighters and
3 peace officers diagnosed with certain diseases or illnesses.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 607, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER D. BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN DISEASES OR ILLNESSES SUFFERED
8 BY RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS AND PEACE OFFICERS

9 Sec. 607.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

10 (1) "Consumer price index" means the average over a
11 calendar year of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
12 (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, published monthly by the United States
13 Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor in function.

14 (2) "Firefighter" has the meaning assigned by Section
15 607.051.

16 (3) "Governmental entity" means a state agency or
17 political subdivision.

18 (4) "Peace officer" has the meaning assigned by
19 Section 607.051.

20 Sec. 607.152. BENEFITS FOR CANCER, ACUTE MYOCARDIAL
21 INFARCTION, OR STROKE. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (e), a
22 governmental entity shall provide to a firefighter or peace officer
23 who retires from the entity a critical-illness supplemental income
24 benefit or comparable health benefit plan coverage in accordance

1 with this section if the firefighter or peace officer is diagnosed
2 with a disease described by Section 607.055 or 607.056 not later
3 than the third anniversary of the date the firefighter or peace
4 officer retires.

5 (b) The value of the supplemental income benefit provided
6 under Subsection (a) is the lesser of:

7 (1) the firefighter's or peace officer's final yearly
8 salary; or

9 (2) \$100,000.

10 (c) A governmental entity providing a supplemental income
11 benefit under Subsection (a) may provide the benefit in a lump sum
12 payment or equal payments over three consecutive months.

13 (d) Not later than September 1 of each year ending in a five,
14 the commissioner of workers' compensation by rule shall adjust the
15 amount described by Subsection (b)(2) by an amount equal to the
16 percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index for the
17 preceding 10 years.

18 (e) This section does not apply to a governmental entity
19 that provides to a firefighter or peace officer who retires from the
20 entity a health benefit plan that is comparable in coverage and cost
21 to the retiree as the health benefit plan the entity provided to the
22 retiree on the day before the date the retiree retired.

23 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
24 to a firefighter or peace officer who retires on or after January 1,
25 2026.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

ADOPTED

MAY 28 2025

Lately Law
Secretary of the Senate

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY Mayer Middleton

1 Amend H.B. 4144 (senate committee printing) in SECTION 1 of
2 the bill, in added Subchapter D, Chapter 607, Government Code, as
3 follows:

4 (1) In the subchapter heading (page 1, line 31), between
5 "BY" and "RETIRED", insert "CERTAIN".

6 (2) Strike Section 607.151(3), Government Code (page 1,
7 lines 39-40), and renumber subsequent subdivisions accordingly.

8 (3) Immediately after Section 607.151, Government Code
9 (page 1, between lines 42 and 43), insert the following
10 appropriately numbered section and renumber subsequent sections
11 accordingly:

12 Sec. 607.____. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
13 applies only to a firefighter or peace officer who retires from a
14 fire department or law enforcement agency with at least 50
15 firefighters or peace officers, respectively.

16 (4) In Section 607.152(a), Government Code (page 1, line
17 45), strike "governmental entity" and substitute "political
18 subdivision".

19 (5) In Section 607.152(a), Government Code (page 1, line
20 46), strike "from the entity" and substitute "from the political
21 subdivision".

22 (6) In Section 607.152(c), Government Code (page 1, line
23 57), strike "governmental entity" and substitute "political
24 subdivision".

25 (7) In Section 607.152(e), Government Code (page 2, line 4),
26 strike "governmental entity" and substitute "political
27 subdivision".

28 (8) In Section 607.152(e), Government Code (page 2, lines
29 5-6), strike "from the entity" and substitute "from the political

1 subdivision".

2 (9) In Section 607.152(e), Government Code (page 2, line 7),
3 strike "the entity provided" and substitute "the political
4 subdivision provided".

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 29, 2025

TO: Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4144 by Turner (Relating to supplemental benefits for retired firefighters and peace officers diagnosed with certain diseases or illnesses.), **As Passed 2nd House**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined due to the fact that the number of qualifying retired peace officers and firefighters is unknown.

The bill would provide for supplemental benefits for certain retired firefighters and peace officers diagnosed with certain diseases or illnesses. Under the provisions of the bill, the benefit could be provided in a lump sum or three equal payments and would be the lesser of the final yearly salary or \$100,000.

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Local Government Impact

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Source Agencies: 327 Employees Retirement System, 405 Department of Public Safety, 407 Commission on Law Enforcement, 411 Commission on Fire Protection, 454 Department of Insurance, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 22, 2025

TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4144 by Turner (Relating to supplemental benefits for retired firefighters and peace officers diagnosed with certain diseases or illnesses.), **As Engrossed**

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FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 26, 2025

TO: Honorable Angie Chen Button, Chair, House Committee on Trade, Workforce & Economic Development

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4144 by Turner (relating to supplemental benefits for retired firefighters and peace officers diagnosed with certain diseases or illnesses.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 7, 2025

TO: Honorable Angie Chen Button, Chair, House Committee on Trade, Workforce & Economic Development

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4144 by Turner (Relating to supplemental benefits for retired firefighters and peace officers diagnosed with certain diseases or illnesses.), **As Introduced**

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