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Introduced by
Representative Livingston

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 38-644, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE PUBLIC
SAFETY CANCER INSURANCE POLICY PROGRAM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 38-644, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 38-644. Eligibility

5 A. Except as provided in subsections B, C and D of this section, to
6 qualify for covered benefits under the program, a person must satisfy all
7 of the following criteria:

8 1. Be an active or retired member of the public safety personnel
9 retirement system or the corrections officer retirement plan or a
10 participant in the public safety personnel defined contribution retirement
11 plan.

12 2. Be one of the following:

13 (a) A firefighter who is or was regularly assigned to hazardous
14 duty of the type normally expected of a firefighter.

15 (b) A peace officer.

16 (c) A corrections officer employed by the state department of
17 corrections or the department of juvenile corrections, a detention officer
18 employed by a county, city or town or any other member as defined in
19 section 38-881 if the department, county, city, town or participating
20 employer as defined in section 38-881 has voluntarily established a
21 program and the corrections officer, detention officer or other member as
22 defined in section 38-881 voluntarily enrolled in the program and made the
23 payments pursuant to section 38-642, subsection D.

24 3. Have cancer that was first diagnosed after the person's date of
25 membership in the public safety personnel retirement system or corrections
26 officer retirement plan or date of participation in the public safety
27 personnel defined contribution retirement plan.

28 B. Persons who terminate employment with a participating employer
29 are not eligible for benefits under the program unless the person has made
30 a valid claim for payment of expenses under the program before termination
31 of employment.

32 C. On retirement, persons who were either receiving benefits under
33 the program before retirement or who are diagnosed with cancer subsequent
34 to retirement remain eligible for coverage under the program for the total
35 of:

36 1. Either:

37 (a) Five months for each year of credited service accumulated
38 toward retirement under the public safety personnel retirement system or
39 corrections officer retirement plan.

40 (b) ~~For~~ Five months for each year of service under the public
41 safety personnel defined contribution retirement plan.

42 2. Plus actual time spent in the deferred retirement option plan
43 pursuant to section 38-844.03 or the reverse deferred retirement option
44 plan pursuant to section 38-885.01.

1 D. A person whose eligibility to receive benefits under subsection
2 C of this section is expiring may continue to remain eligible for coverage
3 under the program if the person makes an election with the board and pays
4 to the board FIFTY PERCENT OF the cost of the premium as determined by the
5 board at the time determined by the board. THE EMPLOYER FROM WHICH THE
6 PERSON RETIRED SHALL PAY THE REMAINING AMOUNT OF THE COST OF THE PREMIUM.
7 THE BOARD SHALL NOTIFY THE EMPLOYER OF THAT AMOUNT ANNUALLY PURSUANT TO
8 SECTION 38-642.

9 E. A person is not eligible for benefits under the program if there
10 is any evidence that the cancer that forms the basis for a benefit claim
11 under the program existed before the person's membership in the public
12 safety personnel retirement system or corrections officer retirement plan
13 or the person's participation in the public safety personnel defined
14 contribution retirement plan.

15 Sec. 2. Effective date

16 This act is effective from and after December 31, 2025.