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AB-1125 Workers' compensation: peace officers. (2025-2026)

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Assembly Bill No. 1125

CHAPTER 291

An act to amend Section 3212.2 of the Labor Code, relating to workers' compensation.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1125, Nguyen. Workers' compensation: peace officers.

Existing law designates various persons as peace officers, including officers of a state hospital under the jurisdiction of the State Department of State Hospitals or the State Department of Developmental Services. Existing law establishes a workers' compensation system, administered by the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, to compensate an employee for injuries sustained in the course of their employment. Existing law creates a disputable presumption, applicable to officers and employees in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, that heart trouble that develops or manifests during a period when the employee is in the service of the department arose out of and in the course of employment.

This bill would add to the above-described presumption a peace officer, as defined, employed by the State Department of State Hospitals and would make other conforming and technical changes.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 3212.2 of the Labor Code is amended to read:

3212.2. (a) For an officer and employee in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation having custodial duties and for a peace officer, as defined in Section 830.38 of the Penal Code, employed by the State Department of State Hospitals, the term "injury" includes heart trouble that develops or manifests itself during a period while such officer or employee is in the service of such department or hospital.

(b) The compensation that is awarded for heart trouble includes full hospital, surgical, medical treatment, disability indemnity, and death benefits, as provided by the workers' compensation laws of this state.

(c) The heart trouble so developing or manifesting itself in these cases shall be presumed to arise out of and in the course of the employment. This presumption is disputable and may be controverted by other evidence, but unless so controverted, the appeals board is bound to find in accordance with it. This presumption shall be extended to a member following termination of service for a period of three calendar months for each full year of the requisite service, but not to exceed 60 months in any circumstance, commencing with the last date actually worked in the specified capacity.