

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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CHAPTER 1050  
HOUSE BILL 2467

AN ACT TO COVER COUNTY FIRE MARSHALS AND EMERGENCY SERVICE COORDINATORS UNDER THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS', FIREMEN'S, RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS', AND CIVIL AIR PATROL MEMBERS' DEATH BENEFITS ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 143-166.2(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) The term 'law-enforcement officer,' 'officer,' or 'fireman' shall mean all law-enforcement officers employed full-time by the State of North Carolina or any county or municipality thereof and all full-time custodial employees of the North Carolina Department of Correction and all full-time institutional and detention employees of the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Resources. The term 'firemen' shall mean both 'eligible fireman'; or 'fireman' as defined in G.S. 118-23 and all full-time, permanent part-time and temporary employees of the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, during the time they are actively engaged in fire-fighting activities; and shall mean all full-time employees of the North Carolina Department of Insurance during the time they are actively engaged in fire-fighting activities, during the time they are training fire fighters or rescue squad workers, and during the time they are engaged in activities as members of the State Emergency Response Team, when the Team has been activated. The term 'rescue squad worker' shall mean a person who is dedicated to the purpose of alleviating human suffering and assisting anyone who is in difficulty or who is injured or becomes suddenly ill by providing the proper and efficient care or emergency medical services. In addition, this person must belong to an organized rescue squad which is eligible for membership in the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads, Inc., and the person must have attended a minimum of 36 hours of training and meetings in the last calendar year. Each rescue squad belonging to the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads, Inc., must file a roster of those members meeting the above requirements with the State Auditor on or about January 1 of each year, and this roster must be certified to by the secretary of said association. In addition, the term 'rescue squad worker' shall mean a member of an ambulance service certified by the Department of Human Resources pursuant to Article 26 of Chapter 130 of the General Statutes. The Department of Human Resources shall furnish a list of ambulance service members to the State Auditor on or about January 1 of each year. The term 'Civil Air Patrol members' shall mean those senior members of the North Carolina Wing-Civil Air Patrol 18 years of age or older and currently certified pursuant to G.S. 143B-491(a).

The term 'fireman' shall also mean county fire marshals when engaged in the performance of their county duties. The term 'rescue squad worker' shall also mean county emergency services coordinators when engaged in the performance of their county duties."

**Sec. 2.** G.S.143-166.7 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 143-166.7. Applicability of Article.**—The provisions of this Article shall apply and be in full force and effect with respect to any law-enforcement officer, fireman, rescue squad worker or senior Civil Air Patrol member killed in the line of duty on or after May 13, 1975. The provisions of this Article shall apply with respect to full-time, permanent part-time and temporary employees of North Carolina Division of Forest Resources, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, killed in line of duty on or after July 1, 1975. The provisions of this Article shall apply to county fire marshals and emergency services coordinators killed in the line of duty on and after July 1, 1988."

**Sec. 3.** This act shall become effective July 1, 1988.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5th day of July, 1988.