

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 741

Short Title: Line of Duty Death Benefits for 911 Operators. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Boles, Miller, Logan, and Willingham (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 3, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROVIDING LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS FOR
3 TELECOMMUNICATORS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-166.2 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

6 "(13) Telecommunicator. – A person qualified to provide 911 call taking employed
7 by a public safety answering point (PSAP). The term applies to 911 call takers,
8 dispatchers, radio operators, data terminal operators, or any combination of
9 such call taking functions in a PSAP."

10 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 143-166.2(1) is amended by adding a new sub-subdivision to

11 read:

12 "f. Telecommunicators."

13 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 143-166.2(6) is amended by adding a new sub-subdivision to

14 read:

15 "f. When the death of a telecommunicator occurs as a direct and
16 proximate result of a heart attack or stroke that occurs in the course of
17 employment or during travel to or from work, that telecommunicator
18 is presumed to have been killed in the line of duty."

19 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.



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