

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2689
(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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 duty
14 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 program
21 and the corrections officer, detention officer or other member as defined
22 in section 38-881 voluntarily enrolled in the program and made the payments
23 pursuant to section 38-642, subsection D.

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

5 B. Persons who terminate employment with a participating employer
6 are not eligible for benefits under the program unless the person has made
7 a valid claim for payment of expenses under the program before termination
8 of employment.

9 C. On retirement, persons who were either receiving benefits under
10 the program before retirement or who are diagnosed with cancer subsequent
11 to retirement remain eligible for coverage under the program for the total
12 of:

13 1. Either:

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

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

19 2. Plus actual time spent in the deferred retirement option plan
20 pursuant to section 38-844.03 or the reverse deferred retirement option
21 plan pursuant to section 38-885.01.

22 D. A person whose eligibility to receive benefits ~~under subsection C~~
23 ~~of this section~~ is expiring may continue to remain eligible for coverage
24 under the program if the person makes an election with the board and pays
25 to the board the cost of the premium as determined by the board at the time
26 determined by the board.

27 E. A person is not eligible for benefits under the program if there
28 is any evidence that the cancer that forms the basis for a benefit claim
29 under the program existed before the person's membership in the public
30 safety personnel retirement system or corrections officer retirement plan
31 or the person's participation in the public safety personnel defined
32 contribution retirement plan.

- 1 Sec. 2. Effective date
 - 2 This act is effective from and after December 31, 2025."
 - 3 Amend title to conform
- And, as so amended, it do pass

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