

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION



Bill Number: **HB 2689**

Livingston Floor Amendment

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1. Requires the Board of Trustees of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS), when determining the cost of the Public Safety Cancer Insurance Policy Program (Program) premium, to determine the cost to PSPRS for persons who opt to continue coverage and set an actuarially determined premium to cover the costs.
 2. Specifies that individuals who are receiving benefits under the Program before retirement or were diagnosed with cancer after retirement should not be counted in determining the premium cost.
 3. Makes a technical change.

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LIVINGSTON FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2689
(Reference to PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT S/E Committee amendment)

Amendment instruction key:

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<<Green carets>> indicate a section added to the bill.

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1 The bill as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:

2 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

5 38-644. Eligibility

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

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

13 2. Be one of the following:

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

16 (b) A peace officer.

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

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

1 B. Persons who terminate employment with a participating employer
2 are not eligible for benefits under the program unless the person has made
3 a valid claim for payment of expenses under the program before termination
4 of employment.

5 C. On retirement, persons who were either receiving benefits under
6 the program before retirement or who are diagnosed with cancer subsequent
7 to retirement remain eligible for coverage under the program for the total
8 of:

9 1. Either:

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

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

15 2. Plus actual time spent in the deferred retirement option plan
16 pursuant to section 38-844.03 or the reverse deferred retirement option
17 plan pursuant to section 38-885.01.

18 D. A person whose eligibility to receive benefits [under]
19 ~~subsection C of [this section]~~ is expiring may continue to remain eligible
20 for coverage under the program if the person makes an election with the
21 board and pays to the board the cost of the premium as determined by the
22 board at the time determined by the board. [WHEN DETERMINING THE COST OF
23 THE PREMIUM, THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE COST TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY
24 PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR PERSONS WHO OPT TO CONTINUE COVERAGE,
25 EXCEPT FOR THOSE LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, AND SET AN
26 ACTUARIALLY DETERMINED PREMIUM TO COVER THE COSTS.]

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.

33 Sec. 2. Effective date

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

35 Enroll and engross to conform

36 Amend title to conform

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