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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; modifying provision relating to disability of peace
1.3 officer or firefighter; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 299A.465,
1.4 subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 299A.465, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Officer or firefighter disabled in line of duty.** (a) This subdivision
1.9 applies when a peace officer or firefighter suffers ~~a disabling injury that:~~ an injury that
1.10 meets the requirements of the "duty disability" definition set forth in section 353.01,
1.11 subdivision 41. A determination by the Public Employees Retirement Association that the
1.12 peace officer's or firefighter's injury has met the duty disability definition is conclusive and
1.13 binding on all employees and employers subject only to any right of appeal that may exist.

1.14 ~~(1) results in the officer's or firefighter's retirement or separation from service;~~

1.15 ~~(2) occurs while the officer or firefighter is acting in the course and scope of duties~~
1.16 ~~as a peace officer or firefighter; and~~

1.17 ~~(3) the officer or firefighter has been approved to receive the officer's or firefighter's~~
1.18 ~~duty-related disability pension.~~

1.19 (b) The officer's or firefighter's employer shall continue to provide health coverage
1.20 for:

1.21 (1) the officer or firefighter; and

1.22 (2) the officer's or firefighter's dependents if the officer or firefighter was receiving
1.23 dependent coverage at the time of the injury under the employer's group health plan.

2.1 (c) The employer is responsible for the continued payment of the employer's
2.2 contribution for coverage of the officer or firefighter and, if applicable, the officer's
2.3 or firefighter's dependents. Coverage must continue for the officer or firefighter and, if
2.4 applicable, the officer's or firefighter's dependents until the officer or firefighter reaches,
2.5 or, if deceased, would have reached, the age of 65. However, coverage for dependents
2.6 does not have to be continued after the person is no longer a dependent.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2008.