STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PHEFFER AMATO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the payment of costs for line of duty injuries of police officers and firefighters

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivisions a and b of section 12-127 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by chapter 806 of the laws of 1986, are amended to read as follows:

a. Any member of the uniformed forces of the fire or police departments*, including any retired member of such uniformed forces,* or any person employed in the department of sanitation in the sanitation service classification of the classified civil service who shall be injured while actually employed in the discharge of police orders of his or her superior officers in the police station, fire house or sanitation section station, as the case may be, or as the result of illness traceable directly to the performance of police, fire or sanitation duty, as the case may be, or any employee of the department of parks, general services, ports and terminals or environmental protection or a person employed by the police commissioner as a school crossing guard who shall be injured while actually employed in the discharge of duty, shall be received by any hospital for care and treatment when such facts are certified to by the head of the department. Unless otherwise provided in this section, such members shall be received by any hospital at the usual ward patient rates. The bill for such care and treatment at such rates, when certified by the superintendent or other person in charge of such hospital and approved by the head of the department concerned, shall be paid by the city.

b. Any member of the uniformed forces of the fire or police department*, including any retired member of such uniformed forces,* or

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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any person employed in the department of sanitation in the sanitation service classification of the classified civil service or a person employed by the police commissioner as a school crossing guard who, while in the actual performance of duty, and by reason of the performance of such duty and without fault or misconduct on his or her part, shall receive injuries to an extent which may endanger his or her life, shall be received by any hospital for care and treatment, and shall be afforded such medical or surgical care and hospitalization as may be ordered by the chief medical officer of the respective departments in conformity with the provisions of this section. Such medical officer shall forthwith notify the comptroller of the care and hospitalization so ordered. The rate charged for such care and hospitalization for such member or such person shall not exceed the rate charged any person in receipt of an income equal to the salary of such member or of such person for the same accommodations. The comptroller and the heads of the departments affected shall make necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section. Upon certification by the chief medical officer of the department concerned, the bill for such care and hospitalization, when certified by the superintendent or other person in charge of the hospital and approved by the head of the department concerned, shall be paid by the city.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.