

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB1498

Introduced 02/10/05, by Rep. Kevin Joyce

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/5-228 30 ILCS 805/8.29 new from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 5-228

Amends the Chicago Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that if any policeman whose application for either a duty disability benefit or an occupational disease disability benefit has been denied by the Retirement Board brings an action for administrative review challenging the denial of disability benefits and the policeman prevails in the action in administrative review, then the prevailing policeman shall be entitled to recover from the Fund court costs and litigation expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, as part of the costs of the action. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY STATE MANDATES ACT MAY REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT 1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing Section 5-228 as follows:
- 6 (40 ILCS 5/5-228) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 5-228)
- 7 Sec. 5-228. Administrative review.
- 8 (a) The provisions of the Administrative Review Law, and
  9 all amendments and modifications thereof and the rules adopted
  10 pursuant thereto, shall apply to and govern all proceedings for
  11 the judicial review of final administrative decisions of the
  12 retirement board provided for under this Article. The term
  13 "administrative decision" is as defined in Section 3-101 of the
- 14 Code of Civil Procedure.
- 15 (b) If any policeman whose application for either a duty
- disability benefit under Section 5-154 or for an occupational
- 17 <u>disease disability benefit under Section 5-154.1 has been</u>
- 18 <u>denied by the Retirement Board brings an action for</u>
- 19 <u>administrative review challenging the denial of disability</u>
- 20 benefits and the policeman prevails in the action in
- 21 <u>administrative review, then the prevailing policeman shall be</u>
- 22 entitled to recover from the Fund court costs and litigation
- 23 <u>expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, as part of the</u>
- 24 <u>costs of the action.</u>
- 25 (Source: P.A. 82-783.)
- Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
- 27 Section 8.29 as follows:
- 28 (30 ILCS 805/8.29 new)
- Sec. 8.29. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
- of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the

- 1 <u>implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of</u>
- 2 <u>the 94th General Assembly.</u>
- 3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 4 becoming law.