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March 2, 2011

Mr. President:

The Business and Labor Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 107**, VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT AMENDMENTS, by Representative R. Menlove, with the following amendments and recommends it be considered read for the second time and placed on the Consent Calendar.

- 1. Page 1, Lines 13 through 15:
 - requires the Retirement Office to fund the long-term disability benefits for new
 - 14 {-volunteer-} firefighters using certain premium tax revenues previously deposited into
 - 15 the Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund; and
- 2. Page 2, Lines 44 through 45

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2-11-2011:

- 44 (a) an amount determined by the office to fully fund the long-term disability program
- 45 provided for {volunteer} firefighters under Section 49-23-601;
- 3. Page 2, Lines 51 through 51g

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                   (c) any remaining amount in accordance with Section 49-11-902.
                 \{ -\hat{H} \rightarrow (3) \text{ (a) In accordance with rules made by the office, a participating } \}
        51a
               employer shall
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               provide the office with information on each person who is actively serving the
               participating
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               employer as a volunteer firefighter in order for the person to be eligible for long-term
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               disability coverage under this section.
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                   (b) A participating employer shall provide to the office:
                   (i) the information under Subsection (3)(a), not later than July 1, 2011; and
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                   (ii) updates to the information as changes occur. ←Ĥ }
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    4. Page 4, Line 119 through Page 5, Line 128:
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                   49-23-601. Long-term disability coverage.
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                        {<del>Each</del>}
                                     A participating employer shall cover { the following
                              a public safety employee who initially enters employment on or after
               employees }
               July 1, 2011, under Title 49,
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              Chapter 21, Public Employees' Long-Term Disability Act, or a substantially similar
              long-term
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              disability program { ÷}
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                   (1) {(a) public safety employees initially entering employment on or after
              <del>July 1, 2011;</del>}
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                   (b) firefighter service employees initially entering employment on or
              after July 1,
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              2011; and
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                   [(3)] {<u>(c)</u> volunteer firefighters.}
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                      { (2) The office shall ensure that the long-term disability program provided
              for volunteer
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              firefighters under this section is funded with money paid under Section
               <del>49-11-901.5.</del>}
               (2) (a) A participating employer shall cover a firefighter employee who initially
               enters employment on or after July 1, 2011 under Title 49, Chapter 21, Public
               Employees' Long-Term Disability Act.
                   (b) In accordance with this section, a participating employer shall provided long
               term disability benefit coverage for a volunteer firefighter as provided under Section
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49-16-701.

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(c) The office shall ensure that the cost of the long-term disability benefit coverage provided under Subsection (2)(a) and (b) is funded with revenue received under Section 49-11-901.5.

Respectfully,

John L. Valentine Committee Chair

Voting: 6-0-2

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