

A Bill for an Act Relating to Service-Connected Disability Retirement.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

**SECTION 1. Purpose and legislative findings.** The purpose of this Act is to amend service-connected total and occupational disability retirement statutes to include sewer workers.

The legislature finds that sewer workers, like firemen, face hazardous conditions, such as exposure to hydrogen sulfide, natural gases, oxygen deficiency, and other noxious gases which may have injurious effects on the heart, lungs, and respiratory system. The legislature further finds that firemen receive disability retirement benefits against working under similar hazardous conditions.

**SECTION 2.** Section 88-77, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) In the case of firemen and sewer workers, the cumulative effect of the inhalation of smoke, toxic gases, chemical fumes, and other toxic vapors on the heart, lungs, and respiratory system shall be construed as an injury received or disease contracted while in the performance of their duty and as the cumulative result of some occupational hazard for the purpose of determining total disability retirement under this section.”

**SECTION 3.** Section 88-79, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) In the case of firemen and sewer workers, the cumulative effect of the inhalation of smoke, toxic gases, chemical fumes, and other toxic vapors on the heart, lungs, and respiratory system shall be construed as an injury received or disease contracted while in the performance of their duty and as the cumulative result of some occupational hazard for the purpose of determining occupational disability retirement under this section.”

**SECTION 4.** Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.\*

**SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 30, 1971.)

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\* Edited accordingly.