

April 17, 2007

**H 1563. EXTEND FIRE AND RESCUE DEATH BENEFITS.** Filed 4/17/07. *TO PROVIDE LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH BENEFITS AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION TO FIRE AND RESCUE INSTRUCTORS WHO ARE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE BENEFITS BUT WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY COVERED WHILE CONDUCTING FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING OUTSIDE THEIR OWN DEPARTMENTS.*

Amends definition of *eligible unit* in GS 58-87-10(a) to include members of any eligible unit who are otherwise eligible for benefits but are conducting fire and rescue training "to another eligible unit." Amends definition of *fireman* in GS 143-166.2(d) to include "all otherwise eligible persons acting in the capacity of a fire or rescue instructor." Effective for death benefits under Article 12A of GS Chapter 143 awarded on or after the date of enactment.

**Intro. by Holliman.**

GS 58, 143

July 25, 2007

**H 1563. EXTEND FIRE AND RESCUE DEATH BENEFITS.** Filed 4/17/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Clarifies that the act is effective for workers' compensation claims arising from injuries that occur on or after the date the act becomes law.

July 10, 2008

**H 1563. EXTEND FIRE AND RESCUE DEATH BENEFITS.** Filed 4/17/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition.

Deletes amendment to GS 58-87-10(a) that expanded the definition of *eligible unit* as used in reference to the workers' compensation fund for the benefit of volunteer safety workers.

Current law provides an expansive definition for the term *firemen* in GS 143-166.2(d). Amends GS 143-166.2(d) to add to the definition *eligible firemen* as defined in GS 58-86-25 and to delete the terms *eligible fireman* and *fireman*. Further expands the definition to encompass all otherwise eligible persons who are acting in the capacity of a fire or rescue instructor (1) outside their own department or squad (2) while actively engaged as firefighters or rescue squad workers (was, all otherwise eligible persons acting in the capacity of a fire or rescue instructor).

Changes the effective date to June 1, 2008 (was, when the act becomes law). Makes conforming changes to the title.

August 8, 2008

**SL 2008-163 (H 1563). EXTEND FIRE AND RESCUE DEATH BENEFITS. AN ACT TO PROVIDE LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH BENEFITS TO FIRE AND RESCUE INSTRUCTORS WHO ARE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE BENEFITS BUT WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY COVERED WHILE CONDUCTING FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING OUTSIDE THEIR OWN DEPARTMENTS.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/17/07, 7/25/07, and 7/10/08. Enacted August 3, 2008. Effective June 1, 2008.