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S 0824 General Bill, By Thomas and Hayes

Summary: Volunteer firefighters and rescue squad members, designated weekly wage increased; State Accident Fund responsible for workers' compensation premiums

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 42-7-65, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND THE DESIGNATED AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE DESIGNATED AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE FROM THIRTY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE IN THE STATE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR TO SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE IN THE STATE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, OR THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE THE SERVICE MEMBER WOULD BE ENTITLED TO, IF ANY, IF INJURED WHILE PERFORMING HIS CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT, IF THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE IN HIS CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT IS GREATER, FOR ALL VOLUNTARY FIREMEN OF ORGANIZED VOLUNTARY RURAL FIRE UNITS, VOLUNTARY MUNICIPAL FIREMEN, AND MEMBERS OF ORGANIZED VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADS; TO AMEND SECTION 42-7-75, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS BY STATE AGENCIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEER FIREMEN AND RESCUE SQUAD MEMBERS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 42-7-65.

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