

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2047: Law enforcement officer; not required to use personal leave for wound or injury in line of duty.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 with the following exception(s):

AMEND on line 72 by changing "in the line of duty" to "during the course and scope of his employment"

AMEND by inserting the following after line 77 and renumbering the succeeding subsection:

(6) Any employee, other than an officer of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol or agent of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, who is wounded from violence during the course and scope of his employment shall not be required to use earned personal leave from the time he is unable to perform his duty assignment until the time when workers' compensability begins.

Amend on line 82 by changing "(8)" to "(9)".

AMEND on line 173 by changing "in the line of duty" to "during the course and scope of his employment"

AMEND by inserting the following after line 178 and renumbering the succeeding subsections:

(7) Any employee, other than an officer of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol or agent of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, who is wounded from violence during the course and scope of his employment shall not be required to use earned major medical leave from the time he is unable to perform his duty assignment until the time when workers' compensability begins.

AMEND by deleting lines 225 through 250 and inserting in lieu

thereof the following:

(f) Beginning on July 1, 2000, the maximum amount of donated leave that an employee may accumulate is two hundred sixty-one (261) days. Any employee who has received donated leave before July 1, 2000, may continue to use that amount of donated leave in addition to the maximum amount of two hundred sixty-one (261) days which may accumulate after July 1, 2000.

AMEND by deleting lines 262 and 263 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(i) In no event shall the appointing authority authorize the use of donated leave in lieu of disability retirement, except insofar as donated leave accumulated before July 1, 2001.

AMEND by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 25-3-93 AND 25-3-95, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZE PERSONAL AND MAJOR MEDICAL LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND ALLOW STATE EMPLOYEES TO DONATE LEAVE TO OTHER EMPLOYEES WITH A CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS OR INJURY; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTIONS 25-3-93 AND 25-3-95, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT STATE EMPLOYEES, OTHER THAN HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL OFFICERS AND BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AGENTS, WHO ARE INJURED BY WOUND OR ACCIDENT DURING THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO USE PERSONAL AND MEDICAL LEAVE FROM THE TIME HE IS DISABLED UNTIL THE TIME WHEN WORKERS' COMPENSABILITY BEGINS; TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF DONATED LEAVE WHICH MAY BE ACCUMULATED BY RECIPIENTS OF SUCH LEAVE AND TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE DONATED LEAVE POLICY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

2. That the House concur in the above exception(s).

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