

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1067**

Short Title: Death Benefits/Probation and Parole Officers. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Kerr; Foxx, Hoyle, Jenkins, and Rand.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICERS ARE  
2 COVERED BY THE LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS', FIREMEN'S, RESCUE  
3 SQUAD WORKERS' AND CIVIL AIR PATROL MEMBERS' DEATH  
4 BENEFITS ACT.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-166.2(d) reads as rewritten:

8 "(d) The term "law-enforcement officer," "officer," or "fireman" shall mean all  
9 law-enforcement officers employed full time by the State of North Carolina or any  
10 county or municipality thereof and all full-time custodial employees and probation and  
11 parole officers of the North Carolina Department of Correction and all full-time  
12 institutional and detention employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice and  
13 Delinquency Prevention. The term "firemen" shall mean both "eligible fireman"; or  
14 "fireman" as defined in G.S. 58-86-25 and all full-time, permanent part-time and  
15 temporary employees of the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources, Department  
16 of Environment and Natural Resources, during the time they are actively engaged in  
17 fire-fighting activities; and shall mean all full-time employees of the North Carolina  
18 Department of Insurance during the time they are actively engaged in fire-fighting  
19 activities, during the time they are training fire fighters or rescue squad workers, and  
20 during the time they are engaged in activities as members of the State Emergency  
21 Response Team, when the Team has been activated. The term "rescue squad worker"  
22 shall mean a person who is dedicated to the purpose of alleviating human suffering and  
23 assisting anyone who is in difficulty or who is injured or becomes suddenly ill by  
24 providing the proper and efficient care or emergency medical services. In addition, this  
25 person must belong to an organized rescue squad which is eligible for membership in  
26 the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads, Inc., and the person must have  
27 attended a minimum of 36 hours of training and meetings in the last calendar year. Each  
28 rescue squad belonging to the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads, Inc., must  
29 file a roster of those members meeting the above requirements with the State Treasurer

1 on or about January 1 of each year, and this roster must be certified to by the secretary  
2 of said association. In addition, the term "rescue squad worker" shall mean a member of  
3 an ambulance service certified by the Department of Health and Human Services  
4 pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes. The Department of  
5 Health and Human Services shall furnish a list of ambulance service members to the  
6 State Treasurer on or about January 1 of each year. The term "Civil Air Patrol  
7 members" shall mean those senior members of the North Carolina Wing-Civil Air  
8 Patrol 18 years of age or older and currently certified pursuant to G.S. 143B-491(a). The  
9 term "fireman" shall also mean county fire marshals when engaged in the performance  
10 of their county duties. The term "rescue squad worker" shall also mean county  
11 emergency services coordinators when engaged in the performance of their county  
12 duties."

13           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to  
14 persons killed in the line of duty on or after that date.