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I. Register Now for the One Day Mini Conference

Friday, June 14, 2019
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Conference Center at Mercer
1200 Old Trenton Road
West Windsor, NJ 08550

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II. First Responders' Workers' Comp Rewrite Advances in Assembly

On Thursday in Trenton, the Assembly Appropriations Committee has scheduled [S-716/A-1741](#), companion bills that make it much easier for any public safety worker—volunteer or professional—to receive a workers' compensation award. The League has joined the Municipal Excess Liability (MEL) fund in opposition to the bill, as currently drafted.

The bill would create the presumption—rebuttable only with “clear and convincing” evidence—that if in the course of employment a police officer, firefighter, emergency responder, or nurse is exposed to a carcinogen or pathogen, any subsequent injury, disability, chronic or coronary illness, or death is compensable under workers' comp.

The change from the current “preponderance of the evidence” standard to a “clear and convincing” rebuttal will make it nearly impossible to contest such claims. The lower

standard will result in more claims. More claims will lead to more awards. And more awards will impose greater costs on property taxpayers.

Please see our [June 6, 2018 Urgent Alert](#) for more details on this proposal, which will be positioned for final approval, if released by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on Thursday.

Please contact your Representatives in the General Assembly and urge them to oppose the bill, as currently drafted.

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