HOUSE BILL NO. HB0310

Law enforcement retirees-excess earnings.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) McOmie and Landon and Senator(s) Job

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to law enforcement retirement; amending
- 2 reporting requirements for law enforcement retirees who
- 3 receive a disability allowance as specified; eliminating
- 4 the requirement for members who receive duty-connected
- 5 disability allowances to report annually to the retirement
- 6 board and providing for an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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- 10 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-3-423 (d), 9-3-432 (h) (intro) and
- 9-3-612 (b) are amended to read:

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- 9-3-423. Disability; medical and other examinations,
- 14 tests and evaluations subsequent to retirement; failure to
- 15 submit to examinations, tests and evaluations; restoration
- 16 to service; deduction from benefit for excess earnings.

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2 (d) Any member receiving a nonduty-connected total or 3 partial disability benefit who has not reached age sixty 4 shall annually report to the board in a form 5 prescribed by the board, his total earnings for the preceding calendar year from any gainful employment for 6 7 wages and any worker's compensation benefits. Fifty percent (50%) of the excess of any earnings or benefits over the 8 9 base pay for the position held at the time of disability shall be deducted, in a manner the board determines, from 10 11 his disability benefit beginning ninety (90) days following 12 the day the report is due. If any member received a disability benefit for less than twelve (12) months in a 13 calendar year for which earnings were reported, the 14 deduction, if any, shall be determined on a pro rata basis. 15

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9-3-432. Law enforcement officers; contributions;

18 benefit eligibility; service and disability benefits; death

19 benefits; benefit options.

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21 (h) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-3-422, any law enforcement 22 officer in service for which contributions have been paid 23 because of illness or injury in the scope of employment, or 24 except as otherwise provided under this subsection, any law

enforcement officer with ten (10) years of service credit 1 2 under this article because of illness or injury outside of the scope of employment, may retire on account of a total 3 4 partial disability in accordance with rules 5 regulations adopted by the board. Any law enforcement officer previously covered under W.S. 15-5-301 through 6 15-5-314 and transferred under this article may because of 7 illness or injury outside the scope of employment and 8 9 regardless of the number of years of service credit under 10 this article, retire on account of total or partial 11 disability. The board shall determine mental or physical 12 incapacitation for disability retirement under this section 13 in accordance with W.S. 9-3-422(a) and rules and regulation 14 of the board, and the cost of any required examination or test shall be paid as provided by W.S. 9-3-422 and rule and 15 16 regulation of the board. Any law enforcement officer 17 receiving a nonduty-connected disability benefit under this section is subject to reporting, evaluation and excess 18 earnings deduction requirements imposed under W.S. 9-3-423 19 20 and rule and regulation of the board. Upon retirement for a 21 disability as determined and for which a member qualifies 22 under this section, a law enforcement officer shall for the life of the officer or until the officer is no longer 23 24 disabled, receive:

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2 9-3-612. Payment of disability allowance.

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4 (b) Any employee receiving a nonduty-connected 5 disability allowance who has not reached age fifty (50) shall report to the board annually, in a form the board 6 7 prescribes, his total earnings for the preceding calendar year from any gainful employment for wages and any worker's 8 9 compensation benefits. One-half (1/2) of the excess of such earnings or benefits, or both, over the base pay of the 10 11 rank held at the time of disability shall be deducted, in a 12 board determines, from that manner the employee's 13 disability allowance beginning ninety (90) days following 14 the day the report is due. If any member received a disability allowance for less than twelve (12) months in 15 the calendar year for which earnings are reported, the 16 17 deduction, if any, shall be determined on a pro rata basis.

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Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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