

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 349

Short Title: Protect Benefits for Firefighters Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Tillman (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 26, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROTECT BENEFITS FOR FIREFIGHTERS.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 105-228.5(d)(3) reads as rewritten:

5 "(d) Tax Rates; Disposition. –

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7 (3) Additional Rate on Property Coverage Contracts. – An additional tax at the
8 rate of ~~seventy-four hundredths percent (0.74%)~~ one and one hundred
9 twenty-five thousandths percent (1.125%) applies to gross premiums on
10 insurance contracts for property coverage. The tax is imposed on ten percent
11 (10%) of the gross premiums from insurance contracts for automobile
12 physical damage coverage and on one hundred percent (100%) of the gross
13 premiums from all other contracts for property coverage. ~~Twenty percent~~
14 ~~(20%)~~ Nineteen percent (19%) of the net proceeds of this additional tax must
15 be credited to the Volunteer Fire Department Fund established in Article 87
16 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes. ~~Twenty percent (20%)~~ Sixteen percent
17 (16%) of the net proceeds must be credited to the Department of Insurance for
18 disbursement pursuant to G.S. 58-84-25. Up to ~~twenty percent (20%)~~ thirteen
19 percent (13%), as determined in accordance with G.S. 58-87-10(f), must be
20 credited to the Workers' Compensation Fund. The remaining net proceeds
21 must be credited to the General Fund. The additional tax imposed on property
22 coverage contracts under this subdivision is a special purpose assessment
23 based on gross premiums and not a gross premiums tax.

24 The following definitions apply in this subdivision:

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26 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

