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**"AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY  
BENEFITS AND PENSION OFFSETS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 7-450c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

5 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or special  
6 act 01-1, no municipality or special taxing district that provides, as of  
7 July 11, 2007, a pension and retirement system for its officers and  
8 employees and their beneficiaries shall diminish or eliminate any right  
9 or benefit granted to any retiree under such retirement or pension  
10 system that was in effect on the date of such retiree's retirement. The  
11 provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit a  
12 municipality or special taxing district from changing the administration  
13 of such retiree's retirement benefits as long as the rights and benefits

14 provided to such retiree after any change in the administration are at  
15 least equivalent to the rights and benefits provided prior to such change.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or special  
17 act, no municipality or special taxing district that provides a pension  
18 and retirement system for its officers and employees and their  
19 beneficiaries shall diminish or eliminate any right or benefit granted to  
20 any retiree under such pension or retirement system due to permanent  
21 partial disability benefits received on or after July 1, 2025, by such retiree  
22 in accordance with section 31-308. Nothing in this subsection shall be  
23 construed to impair or alter the provisions of any collective bargaining  
24 agreement in effect before July 1, 2025.

25 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or special  
26 act, a municipality or special taxing district that provides a pension and  
27 retirement system for its officers and employees and their beneficiaries  
28 shall include temporary total disability and temporary partial disability  
29 benefits received by an employee pursuant to chapter 568 as wages for  
30 purposes of the calculation of pension or retirement benefits to be paid  
31 to such employee in retirement, provided (1) the sum of such benefits  
32 and any other wages or compensation used to calculate such employee's  
33 pension or retirement benefits shall not exceed one hundred per cent of  
34 such employee's wages from such municipality or special taxing district  
35 in effect immediately prior to the injury for which the employee  
36 received such benefits, and (2) the provisions of this section shall not  
37 apply to the municipal employees retirement plan set forth in part II of  
38 chapter 113. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair or alter  
39 the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement in effect before  
40 July 1, 2025.

41 Sec. 2. *(Effective from passage)* The Comptroller shall conduct a study  
42 on the considerations necessary for a municipality that does not  
43 currently provide a defined pension plan to each police officer or  
44 firefighter employed by such municipality through participation in  
45 either (1) the municipal employees' retirement system, pursuant to  
46 section 7-427 of the general statutes, or (2) any other defined pension

47 plan that provides such individuals with benefits that are comparable  
 48 or superior to those benefits offered by the municipal employees'  
 49 retirement system, to successfully transition such individuals from such  
 50 municipality's current retirement system to such defined pension plan  
 51 described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section. Not later than  
 52 January 1, 2027, the Comptroller shall submit a report of the results of  
 53 such study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
 54 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General  
 55 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public  
 56 employees.

57 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 7-464 of the general statutes is  
 58 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
 59 *1, 2025*):

60 (a) Any town, city or borough may, through its authorized officials,  
 61 provide such form or forms of group life, health and accident and  
 62 hospital plan benefits for its employees as it deems advisable. Any town,  
 63 city or borough that provides health and accident and hospital plan  
 64 benefits for its employees may arrange and procure the same benefits  
 65 for each active member of a volunteer fire company or department or  
 66 volunteer ambulance service or company within such town, city or  
 67 borough, provided the member (1) elects coverage under such plan or  
 68 plans, (2) pays [one hundred per cent] a percentage of the premium  
 69 charged as negotiated between such town, city or borough and such  
 70 member and any additional costs for such coverage, and (3) meets the  
 71 requirements for active status set forth by said town, city or borough."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	7-450c
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	7-464(a)