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The **HOT** Sheet

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HB 5629...NOT A RETURN TO THE PAST!

In 1996, the General Assembly made changes to the Worker's Compensation Statutes which injured municipal fire fighters and police officers. Rather than fixing what some perceived as weaknesses in the law, the changes STRIPPED municipal fire fighters and police officers of basic protections afforded most all other public safety officers. HB 5629 AAC WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS AND EMERGENCY RESCUE WORKERS **DOES NOT SEEK A RETURN TO PRE-1996 CARDIAC STATUTE.**

The below table outlines the differences between pre-1996 Cardiac statutes and what H.B. 5629 is seeking to accomplish.

PRE-1996 STATUTE

Fire Fighters & Police Officers covered for Cardiac Emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Claims for Cardiac Emergencies could not be challenged by municipalities (**IRREBUTTABLE**).

H.B. 5629 PROPOSES

Fire Fighters & Police Officers covered for Cardiac Emergencies **ONLY WHILE ON DUTY.**

Claims for Cardiac Emergencies can be challenged (**REBUTTED**) by municipalities.

- Opponents of HB 5629 **will say anything** to convince you to turn your backs on fire fighters and police officers.
- Opponents say that HB 5629 is a "Mega Mandate". What they want is to create a "Mega Hysteria".
- Opponents **will say anything** to make you think this is a return to the past.

DON'T LET THEM DECEIVE YOU!