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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to retirement; requiring payment of disability benefits to certain persons.

1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. **DISABILITY BENEFITS.**

1.5 The Public Employees Retirement Association must pay disability benefits to
1.6 a person who:

1.7 (1) terminated employment as a paramedic with the Hennepin County Medical
1.8 Center on November 30, 2004; and

1.9 (2) submits an application for disability benefits to the association which includes
1.10 medical evidence indicating that the person has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and that
1.11 symptoms of this disease were present before the person terminated employment, even
1.12 though the symptoms were not conclusively diagnosed as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
1.13 until after the person terminated employment.

1.14 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.15 Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment. Upon receiving an
1.16 application complying with section 1, the Public Employees Retirement Association must
1.17 pay disability benefits retroactively, as if the association had determined the person to be
1.18 entitled to those benefits at the time of termination of employment with the Hennepin
1.19 County Medical Center.