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PROPOSED AMENDMENT DIRECTED TO A COMMITTEE

February 11, 2026

Madam Chair:

I propose to the HOUSE LABOR, VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE the following amendments to

HOUSE BILL 132

1. On page 1, line 21, after the paragraph designation "(1)", strike the remainder of the line, strike line 22 and strike line 23 up to the semicolon and insert in lieu thereof "'noise-induced hearing loss" means a type of permanent sensorineural hearing impairment caused by damage to the inner ear from occupational exposure to loud sounds, either as a one-time blast or gradually over time, including tinnitus".

2. On page 2, strike lines 19 through 25 and on page 3, strike lines 1 through 5 and insert in lieu thereof:

"(1) noise-induced hearing loss that results in physical impairment;

(2) posttraumatic stress disorder diagnosed by a physician or psychologist that results in physical impairment, primary or secondary mental impairment or death; or

(3) heart injury or stroke suffered within twenty-four hours of responding to or returning from a call, while engaging in supervised physical training or while responding to or performing in an emergency. The presumption created in this subsection shall not be made if the police officer's employer does not have a current physical training program and the police officer does not have a

current medical screening examination or review pursuant to the Occupational Health and Safety Act and rules promulgated pursuant to that act allowing participation in that program.".

3. On page 3, between lines 10 and 11, insert:

"D. When any presumptions created in this section do not apply, it shall not preclude a police officer from demonstrating a causal connection between employment and condition or injury by a preponderance of evidence in a court of competent jurisdiction.".

4. Reletter the succeeding subsection accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
