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TO: Reporting Officials
FROM: Greg Samorajski, CEO
SUBJECT: New legislation

Governor Reynolds signed Senate File 342, commonly known as "Back the Blue" bill, on June 17, 2021. The bill includes amendments to Iowa Code Section 97B.50A, "disability benefits for special service members." These changes become effective on July 1, 2021.

A summary of the changes are as follows:

1. 97B.50A(5)(b)--any workers' compensation benefits received by a member for past or future medical expenses shall not be offset so long as it's for the same disability;
2. 97B.50A(5)(c)--any workers' compensation benefits received by a member for reimbursement of vacation time used, sick time used, or for any unpaid time off from work shall not be offset so long as it's for the same disability; and
3. 97B.50A(8A)--this new subsection requires an employer to provide reasonable medical benefits for a member who is injured in the performance of his/her duties and is receiving an in-service disability retirement under subsection 2 or has waived an in-service disability under subsection 4, regardless of when the injury occurred or when the member's in-service disability commenced.

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