COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 0974** February 20, 2007

SPONSOR(S): McAuliffe

SYSTEM(S): Chicago Police Pension Fund

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of HB 0974 has not been calculated, but is estimated to be minor, as there are relatively few (less than 50) occupational disease disability benefit recipients.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 0974 amends the Chicago Police Article of the Pension Code to provide the occupational disease disability benefit will never fall below 65% of the salary attached to the rank held by the police officer at the time of removal from payroll.

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COMMENT: Currently, the initial occupational disease disability benefit is equal to 65% of salary at the time the disability is allowed. The minimum occupational disease disability benefit (that has been payable for at least 10 years) is 50% of the current salary attached to the rank and grade held by the police officer at the time of removal from the department payroll. HB 0974 does not change the initial occupational disease disability granted, but provides that the benefit shall never be less than 65% of the salary attached to the rank and grade held by the police officer at the time of removal from the department payroll. Public Act 92-0052 (HB 0266) contained this same provision for the Fund's duty disability recipients, effective January 1, 2000.

HB 0974 amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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