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DUTY DISABLED ASSOCIATION



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MNDDA Obtains Temporary Injunction Against PERA

A Ramsey County District Court has granted the Minnesota Duty Disabled Association (MNDDA) a temporary injunction stopping the Minnesota Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) from enforcing harmful portions of a recently passed pension benefits law. HF 1234 contains provisions for new re-employment offsets for existing Minnesota duty disabled first responders that may apply to as many as 1000 people and have the effect of reducing or capping household income for a great number of these duty disabled first responders. For many the loss of income will be dramatic and severely damaging

The temporary injunction gives relief to the affected duty disabled first responders while MNDDA's case proceeds through the courts. MNDDA's lawsuit against PERA was filed in October of this year and challenges the changes to re-employment earnings offsets as well as the reapplication/recertification process as they are defined in HF 1234.

HF 1234 was passed in May of 2023 by the state legislature and signed into law by the Governor. Portions of that law discourage re-employment by effectively reducing the amount a duty disabled first responder will get paid for their re-employment work. Re-employment earnings are critical to duty disabled first responders as they help take the place of lost income when the first responder was forced to leave their chosen profession and allows the first responder to return to employment outside law enforcement, fire fighting, EMS, or corrections.

The Minnesota Duty Disabled Association is comprised of duty disabled law enforcement professionals, fire fighters, and emergency medical service workers, their friends and family, and other community members who support them. MNDDA represents and supports our members by providing resources and engaging in community advocacy on behalf of those who have been disabled while serving their community.

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