workers' compensation benefits. Furthermore, a locality shall allow a deputy sheriff under such

circumstances to apply accumulated sick or vacation time to the worker's compensation benefits so as to

015995556 1 **SENATE BILL NO. 920** 2 3 4 5 Offered January 10, 2001 Prefiled January 8, 2001 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-1618.1, relating to discontinuation of certain health benefits for deputy sheriffs. 6 Patron—Wampler 7 8 Referred to Committee on Local Government 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-1618.1 as follows: 11 § 15.2-1618.1. Discontinuation of certain health benefits. 12 13 If a deputy sheriff is injured as a direct or proximate result of the performance of his duty, a locality shall not discontinue the health insurance benefits of such deputy sheriff, or restrict the sheriff's ability 14 to provide such benefits, so long as the deputy sheriff is rehabilitating from such injury and drawing 15

prevent a decrease in total pay.