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SENATE BILL NO. 896**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor
on January 28, 2013)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute—Senators Reeves, Norment [SB 1126], Ruff [SB 915], and Saslaw [SB 1199])
A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 65.2-301.1 relating to workers' compensation; weather as a risk of a public safety officer's employment.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 65.2-301.1 as follows:

§ 65.2-301.1. Public safety officers.

In situations where weather constitutes a particular risk of a public safety officer's employment and where the public safety officer's injury arose out of and in the course of his employment, absent a misconduct defense asserted pursuant to § 65.2-306, such injury shall be compensable under this title. As used in this section, "public safety officer" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in § 9.1-801.