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JOHN J. BARTHELMES
COMMISSIONER

February 22, 2016

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 106-B:18, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State Police, to restore 271.59 hours of sick leave to Trooper Nathan P. Johnston, who suffered a line of duty injury and was unable to perform his normal or routine duties from February 1, 2015 through January 7, 2016.

Explanation

On January 31, 2015, Trooper Nathan P. Johnston was seated in his cruiser with the emergency lights activated in response to a motor vehicle accident in Bedford, NH. A passing motorist lost control and struck Trooper Johnston's cruiser causing considerable damage. Trooper Johnston was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashua where he was treated for serious injuries, released, and placed on sick leave. He was eventually cleared for full duty on January 8, 2016. This resulted in the use of his sick leave.

Trooper Nathan P. Johnston's convalescent time required the use of 271.59 hours of sick leave that we are seeking authorization to have restored to him.

Respectfully submitted,


John J. Barthelmes
Commissioner of Safety

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
NH Department of Safety
Inter-Department Communication

FROM: Helen Gallien
Payroll Supervisor

DATE: 1/28/16

SUBJECT: Sick Leave Usage

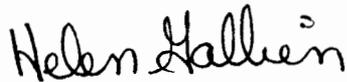
TO: Major Russell S Conte
Division of State Police

Nathan P Johnston was out on Workers Compensation for the period of 2/1/15 through 1/7/16

He utilized 271.59 hours of his sick leave.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.



Helen Gallien

Payroll Supervisor
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CC: Employee:
Employee file:

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TITLE VII SHERIFFS, CONSTABLES, AND POLICE OFFICERS

CHAPTER 106-B THE STATE POLICE

Section 106-B:18

106-B:18 Line of Duty Injury. – Any injury, which is due to a hostile or overt act or an act caused by another during the performance of duties which are considered dangerous in nature, received by any state police employee while on assignment, patrol, or duty that requires that the employee be hospitalized or to the extent that the employee is unable to perform normal or routine duties shall not be charged against earned sick leave or annual leave, and during such time the employee shall remain on the payroll. The commissioner of safety shall make the final determination as to whether the injury received is in line of duty and due to a hostile or overt act or an act caused by another during the performance of duties which are considered dangerous in nature, and the commissioner's decision is final, subject to approval of governor and council.

Source. 1965, 209:1. 2001, 291:2, eff. July 1, 2001.