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Prior law classified certain types of cancer as an occupational disease or infirmity connected with the duties of a firefighter.

Prior law provided that if a firefighter who has ten years or more in the classified service is unable to perform regular duties due to a disabling cancer, then that cancer shall be classified as an occupational disease or infirmity.

New law retains the 10-year service requirement but removes provisions that the cancer be disabling in order to be classified as an occupational disease or infirmity. Provides that if the 10-year period firefighter develops cancer, then that is to be classified as an occupational disease or infirmity.

Prior law provided that disabling cancers originating in the bladder, brain, colon, liver, pancreas, skin, kidney, or gastrointestinal tract, and leukemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma are occupational diseases or infirmities connected with a firefighter's duties.

New law retains prior law but removes the disabling nature of the cancer and provides that cancers to be included are those of the reproductive tract, prostate cancer, testicular cancer, or any other type of cancer for which a firefighter has a statistically significant increased risk of developing due to occupational exposure.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 33:2011(A) and (B))