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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires that certain firefighters and fire service employees be provided cancer screening examinations.

Proposed law requires that classified firefighters employed as full-time paid employees of municipal or parish fire departments or fire protection districts, fire service employees employed by non profit corporations under contract with fire protection districts, and volunteer firefighters as defined in present law (R.S. 23:1036) be provided cancer screening examinations.

Proposed law requires that the cancer screenings examinations be conducted by a physician not less than three years after the start of employment or volunteer service and every three years thereafter during the course of employment or service.

Proposed law requires that the examination include, but not be limited to the following cancers:

- (1) Colon.
- (2) Lung.
- (3) Bladder.
- (4) Oral.
- (5) Thyroid.

Proposed law requires that retired firefighters and fire service employees be provided cancer screening examinations by their former employers pursuant to proposed law. Additionally requires employers and former employers to pay for the costs of cancer screening examinations.

Proposed law provides that no firefighter or fire service employee shall be required to participate in cancer screening examinations.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 33:2581.4)