

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 413****2024 Regular Session****Stagni**

**FIRE PROTECT/FIREMEN:** Provides for the financial security of surviving spouses and dependent children of deceased firemen in certain circumstances

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Require a firefighter covered by proposed law to be a La. resident in order for his survivors to receive the benefit provided by present law.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides for payment of \$250,000 to the surviving spouse, child, or other beneficiary of a fireman who suffers death as a result of an injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of his official duties or arising out of any activity in his capacity as a fireman in the protection of life and property. Specifies the paid and volunteer firemen to whom present law is applicable.

Proposed law expands the applicability of present law to include any firefighter who is a La. resident and is employed or under the control of one of the following federal agencies if the injury that resulted in the death occurred in La.:

- (1) Dept. of Defense.
- (2) Dept. of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) Dept. of Agriculture.
- (4) Dept. of the Interior.
- (5) Federal Emergency Management Administration.

Proposed law applies retroactively to Aug. 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 40:1665(B))