

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 63

BY SENATOR GATTI

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EMPLOYMENT. Provides for the classification of certain types of cancer as an occupational disease or infirmity connected with the duties of a firefighter. (8/1/17)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2011(B), relative to occupational diseases; to provide with respect to the firefighters; to provide for the classification of certain types of cancer as occupational diseases or infirmities connected with the duties of a firefighter; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:2011(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2011. Development of cancer during employment in fire service; occupational disease

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B. The disabling cancer referred to in Subsection A shall be limited to the types of cancer which may be caused by exposure to heat, smoke, radiation, or a known or suspected carcinogen as defined by the International Agency for Research on Cancer. The disabling cancer shall also be limited to a cancer originating in the bladder, brain, colon, liver, pancreas, skin, kidney, or gastrointestinal tract, and leukemia, lymphoma, ~~and multiple myeloma,~~ **prostate cancer, and testicular cancer.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Carla S. Roberts.

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Present law classifies certain types of cancer as occupational diseases or infirmities connected with the duties of a firefighter.

Present law provides that cancers are included in the occupational diseases connected with the duties of a firefighter, but limits a disabling cancer to a cancer originating in the bladder, brain, colon, liver, pancreas, skin, kidney, or gastrointestinal tract, and leukemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that prostate cancer and testicular cancer are disabling cancers which are to be included as an occupational disease category for firefighters.

Effective August 1, 2017.

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