

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 63

2017 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

EMPLOYMENT. Provides for classification of certain cancers as an occupational disease or infirmity connected with the duties of a firefighter.
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SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Provides that the cancer does not have to be a disabling cancer in order to be classified as an occupational disease or infirmity connected with the duties of a firefighter.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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

Present law provides 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.

Proposed law retains the ten 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 ten year firefighter develops cancer, then that is to be classified as an occupational disease or infirmity.

Present law provides 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.

Proposed law retains present 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))

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