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Abstract: Provides with respect to workers' compensation benefits for hearing loss.

Present law provides for workers' compensation wage percentages for certain injuries that qualify as permanent partial disabilities.

Present law provides that hearing loss is compensable and classified as a permanent partial disability when it is sustained in a single traumatic accident.

Proposed law retains present law regarding the compensability of the injury but deletes the requirement that any hearing loss suffered shall have been sustained as a result of a single traumatic accident.

Present law provides that any hearing loss that develops during employment in the classified fire service shall be entitled to medical benefits.

Proposed law retains present law regarding medical benefits and adds indemnity benefits, not solely due to a single traumatic accident, to be awarded to an employee of the classified fire service.

(Amends R.S. 23:1221(4)(p) and R.S. 33:2581.1(A))