

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 157

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT: Provides relative to the financial security for surviving spouses and children of law enforcement officers who suffer death by heart attack or stroke.**

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DIGEST

Present law provides an irrebuttable presumption that a fireman whose death is the direct and proximate result of a heart attack or a stroke died as the direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the performance of his official duties, thereby making his survivors eligible for payment pursuant to present law.

Present law also provides that if, while on duty, the fireman engages in a stressful or physical activity, including emergency response activity, or participates in a stressful or strenuous physical training exercise and the heart attack or stroke occurs while he is engaged in the activity, while he is on duty after engaging in the activity, or no later than 24 hours after the activity, and whose death is the direct and proximate result of a heart attack or stroke, then present law provides a presumption that the fireman died as the direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the performance of his official duties for certain purposes in present law.

Proposed law retains present law and adds law enforcement officers.

Proposed law adds foot pursuits, use of force encounters, hostage and victim rescues, and tactical missions to the illustrative list of stressful or physical activities that is one of the factor to qualify for the irrebuttable presumption provided in present law.

(Amends R.S. 40:1665.1(A), (C), and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the engrossed bill

1. Adds foot pursuits, use of force encounters, hostage and victim rescues, and tactical missions to the illustrative list of stressful or physical activities.