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<u>Present law</u> provides that hearing loss developed by an employee of the classified fire service shall be classified as a disease or infirmity connected with employment when the hearing loss is 10% greater than that of the employee's comparable age group.

Proposed law retains present law.

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<u>Present law</u> grants the affected employee medical benefits and does not require the employee to be on duty at the time he is stricken with the hearing loss to receive the benefits.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds that the affected employee shall also be entitled to indemnity benefits.

<u>Present law</u> provides the presumption that the hearing loss developed during the employee's employment or was caused by the nature of the work performed by the employee whenever hearing loss is manifested after the first five years of employment in classified fire service.

<u>Present law</u> requires each person selected for appointment to an entry level position in the classified fire service to submit to a baseline audiology examination.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:2581.1(A))