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SB 63 Reengrossed

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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 after ten years of service, if a firefighter develops a disabling cancer, that the cancer shall be classified as an occupational disease or infirmity.

Proposed law changes present law to provide that the cancer does not have to be disabling in order for the firefighter to qualify as having an occupational disease or infirmity connected with his duties.

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 as it relates to which cancers are connected with the duties of a firefighter and further includes cancers 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.

Proposed law removes the requirement that the cancer be disabling in order to be classified as an occupational disease or infirmity connected with a firefighter's employment duties.

Effective August 1, 2017.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to the original bill

1. Remove the requirement that cancer be disabling in order to be classified as an occupational disease or infirmity connected with the duties of a firefighter.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Add cancers 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 to the list of cancers listed in present law that are classified as occupational diseases or infirmities.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to the reengrossed bill:

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