

SENATE BILL NO. 63

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2011(A) and (B), relative to occupational diseases; to provide
3 with respect to firefighters; to provide for the classification of certain types of cancer
4 as occupational diseases or infirmities connected with the duties of a firefighter; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 33:2011(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §2011. Development of cancer during employment in fire service; occupational
10 disease

11 A. Because of exposure to heat, smoke, and fumes or carcinogenic,
12 poisonous, toxic, or chemical substances, when a firefighter in the classified service
13 who has completed ten or more years of service ~~is unable to perform his regular~~
14 ~~duties in the fire service in this state by reason of a disabling cancer, such cancer has~~
15 **developed cancer, the cancer** shall be classified as an occupational disease or
16 infirmity connected with the duties of a firefighter. The disease or infirmity shall be
17 presumed to have been caused by or to have resulted from the work performed. This
18 presumption shall be rebuttable by evidence meeting judicial standards, and shall be
19 extended to a member following termination of service for a period of three months
20 for each full year of service not to exceed sixty months commencing with the last
21 actual date of service.

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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