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Abstract: Provides financial security upon death by heart attack or stroke for surviving spouses and children of law enforcement officers.

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.

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