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Abstract: Provides relative to occupational diseases for members in the classified fire services in connection with the duties of being a firefighter.

Present law provides that when a firefighter, who is in the classified fire service and has completed 10 or more years of service, has developed cancer because of certain occupational exposures in connection with the duties of being a firefighter, the cancer shall be classified as an occupational disease or infirmity.

Present law further provides that the disease or infirmity shall be presumed to have been caused by or to have resulted from the work performed.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for a rebuttable presumption that must meet judicial standards. Present law further provides that this presumption shall be extended to a member following termination of service for a period of three months for each full year of service not to exceed sixty months.

Proposed law retains present law regarding the rebuttable presumption; however, it extends the presumption to a period of six months for each full year of service not to exceed one hundred eighty months.

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