
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the development of a certain percentage of hearing loss while employed in the classified police service is classified as an occupational disease.

Proposed law provides that the development of hearing loss that is 10% greater than that of the affected employee's comparable age group in the general population while employed in the classified police service is classified as a disease or infirmity connected with employment. Provides that the employee is entitled to medical benefits, including hearing prosthesis, that a person suffering an occupational disease is entitled pursuant to state law. Provides that such hearing loss is presumed to have occurred as a result of employment if it is manifested at any time after the first five years of employment. Provides that the presumption is rebuttable and extends 24 months beyond termination of service. Requires each person selected for appointment to an entry level position in the classified police service to submit to a baseline audiology examination.

(Adds R.S. 33:2581.3)