

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 527 (HB 1072)

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New law provides that a hearing loss that is 10 decibels or greater on average when adjusted for aging and which develops while a person is 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 aids, that a person suffering an occupational disease is entitled to pursuant to state law. Provides that the hearing loss is presumed to have occurred as a result of employment and to have resulted from hazardous noise exposure. 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 on or after Aug. 1, 2022, to submit to a baseline audiology examination, an audiological examination every five years, and a final termination audiological evaluation at the end of service.

New law does not modify the qualifications necessary to establish eligibility to receive benefits or the calculation of benefits to be paid under any La. public pension or retirement system, plan, or fund.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 33:2581.3)