

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 413

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

FIRE PROTECT/FIREMEN: Provides for the financial security of surviving spouses and dependent children of deceased firemen in certain circumstances

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1665(B), relative to firefighters; to provide for financial
3 security of certain surviving spouses and children; to provide for applicability to
4 certain firefighters employed by federal agencies; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1665(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1665. Financial security for surviving spouses and children of firemen in certain
8 cases

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10 B. Firemen, within the meaning of this Section, shall include all paid,
11 regularly employed firemen and all volunteer firemen of any municipality, parish,
12 federally or state- recognized Indian tribe or tribal unit, or fire protection district
13 maintaining a fire department, or of any volunteer fire department. Firemen shall
14 also include any firefighter employed by or under the control of one of the following
15 federal agencies if the injury resulting in death occurred in Louisiana: the
16 Departments of Defense, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the
17 Interior, or the Federal Emergency Management Administration.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the financial security of surviving spouses and dependent children of a firefighter employed by certain federal agencies and killed in the line of duty.

Present law provides for payment of \$250,000 to the surviving spouse, child, or other beneficiary of a fireman who suffers death as a result of an injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of his official duties or arising out of any activity in his capacity as a fireman in the protection of life and property. Specifies the paid and volunteer firemen to whom present law is applicable.

Proposed law expands the applicability of present law to include any firefighter employed or under the control of one of the following federal agencies if the injury that resulted in the death occurred in La.:

- (1) Dept. of Defense.
- (2) Dept. of Agriculture.
- (3) Dept. of the Interior.
- (4) Federal Emergency Management Administration.

(Amends R.S. 40:1665(B))