

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 554 (HB 253)

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New law requires that classified firefighters employed as full-time paid employees of municipal or parish fire departments or fire protection districts and fire service employees employed by nonprofit corporations under contract with fire protection districts be provided cancer screening examinations.

New law requires that cancer screening examinations be conducted by a physician not less than three years after the start of employment and thereafter as follows:

- (1) Every five years for those who are not less than 20 years of age and not more than 39 years of age.
- (2) Every four years for those who are not less than 40 years of age and not more than 49 years of age.
- (3) Every three years for those who are 50 years of age or older.

New law specifies cancers for which screening is required.

New law requires that retired firefighters and fire service employees be provided cancer screening examinations by their former employers pursuant to new law. Additionally requires employers and former employers to pay for the costs of cancer screening examinations.

New law provides that no firefighter or fire service employee shall be required to participate in cancer screening examinations. Further provides that new law is not applicable to any firefighter or fire service employee who resigned or was terminated by his employer.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 10, 2024).

(Adds R.S. 33:2581.4)