



HOUSE BILL 355: Firefighters' Death Benefits/Cancers.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 355 amends the list of cancers covered as occupational diseases for firefighters' death benefits.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S356, as introduced by Sen. Woodard, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 143-166.2 provides definitions related to the Law-Enforcement Officers', Firemen's, Rescue Squad Workers' and Civil Air Patrol Members' Death Benefits Act. Specifically, G.S. 143-166.2 defines the phrase "killed in the line of duty" for each of the applicable groups. This section also provides a list of diseases that are occupationally related to firefighting. If a firefighter dies as a direct or proximate result of these diseases, the firefighter is presumed to have been killed in the line of duty.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 355 adds the following to the list of covered occupational illnesses:

- Rectal cancer
- Esophageal cancer
- Oral cavity cancer
- Brain cancer
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Multiple Myeloma

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would become effective when it becomes law and would apply to deaths occurring on or after that date.

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