



HOUSE BILL 97: Support Firefighters Fighting Cancer.

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OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 97 would expand eligibility under the Public Safety Employees' Death Benefits Act (the Act) by covering firefighters who are killed by stomach cancer.*

The PCS removes the appropriation in Section 2.

CURRENT LAW:

G.S. 143-166.2(6) currently defines a firefighter to be killed in the line of duty when their death is caused by any of six types of listed cancers.

BILL ANALYSIS:

The PCS would add stomach cancer to the list of cancers that is found in the definition of "Killed in the line of duty" in G.S. 143-166.2(6). This means a firefighter would be eligible for benefits under the Act if their death was the result of stomach cancer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective July 1, 2025, and would apply to qualifying deaths occurring on or after that date.

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