



HOUSE BILL 97: Support Firefighters Fighting Cancer.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Pensions and Retirement. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 21, 2025
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OVERVIEW: *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.*

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:

House Bill 97 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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