

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
OTHER		

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee
 2 Representative LaMarca offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 2817-2818 and insert:

Section 64. Subsection (2) of section 112.1816, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.1816 Firefighters; cancer diagnosis.—

(2) Upon a diagnosis of cancer, a firefighter is entitled to the following benefits, as an alternative to pursuing workers' compensation benefits under chapter 440, if the firefighter has been employed by his or her employer for at least 5 continuous years, has not used tobacco products for at least the preceding 5 years, and has not been employed in any other position in the preceding 5 years which is proven to create a higher risk for any cancer:

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17 (a) Cancer treatment covered within an employer-sponsored
18 health plan or through a group health insurance trust fund. The
19 employer must timely reimburse the firefighter for any out-of-
20 pocket deductible, copayment, or coinsurance costs incurred due
21 to the treatment of cancer.

22 (b) A one-time cash payout of \$25,000, upon the
23 firefighter's initial diagnosis of cancer.

24 (c) Leave time and employee retention benefits equivalent
25 to those provided for other injuries or illnesses incurred in
26 the line of duty.

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28 If the firefighter elects to continue coverage in the employer-
29 sponsored health plan or group health insurance trust fund after
30 he or she terminates employment, the benefits specified in
31 paragraphs (a) and (b) must be made available by the former
32 employer of a firefighter for 10 years following the date on
33 which the firefighter terminates employment so long as the
34 firefighter otherwise met the criteria specified in this
35 subsection when he or she terminated employment and was not
36 subsequently employed as a firefighter following that date. ~~For~~
37 ~~purposes of determining leave time and employee retention~~
38 ~~policies, the employer must consider a firefighter's cancer~~
39 ~~diagnosis as an injury or illness incurred in the line of duty.~~

40 Section 65. By September 1, 2024, the Florida Birth-
41 Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association shall, in

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42 consultation with the Office of Insurance Regulation and the
43 Agency for Health Care Administration,

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46 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

47 Remove line 222 and insert:
48 providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision;
49 amending s. 112.1816, F.S.; providing that, upon a
50 diagnosis of cancer, firefighters are entitled to
51 certain benefits under specified circumstances;
52 providing