

Bill No.: SF0089 **Effective:** Immediately

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Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0065

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number_RO]

Prime Sponsor: Landen

Catch Title: Presumptive disability for firefighters.

Subject: Giving firefighters a rebuttable presumption that certain disabilities or diseases result from their work as firefighters.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The bill lists several diseases and conditions and provides if a firefighter suffers or dies from one of the diseases or conditions, it is presumed the firefighter developed the disease or condition during the course and scope of the firefighter's employment, unless the contrary is proven.
- The bill applies to paid and volunteer firefighters and specifies qualification criteria as to minimum duration of employment, exposure to hazards, baseline health and tobacco use.
- The presumption applies only for benefits or compensation the firefighter would already be entitled to receive for purposes of:
 - Firefighter retirement and disability plans;
 - Worker's compensation benefits; and
 - University of Wyoming and Wyoming community college tuition and fees.
- The bill does not create a cause of action and does not enlarge or establish a right to or eligibility for any benefit or compensation.
- If a firefighter suffers from a disease or condition that is not listed, the firefighter may demonstrate to the Wyoming Worker's Compensation Medical Commission that the dominant cause of the firefighter's disease or condition is employment as a firefighter.
- A person opposed to awarding the benefits or compensation covered by this bill may rebut the presumption established by this bill by proving that a risk factor, accident, hazard or other cause not associated with the firefighter's service was the dominant cause of the firefighter's disease or condition.

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