

By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senators Wright, Polsky,  
and Hooper

576-02396-22

2022838c1

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to fire investigators; amending s.  
3           112.1816, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
4           "firefighter" to include full-time, Florida-certified  
5           fire investigators for the purpose of expanding  
6           eligibility for certain cancer treatment benefits to  
7           such investigators; providing a declaration of  
8           important state interest; providing an effective date.

9  
10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

11  
12           Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
13   112.1816, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           112.1816 Firefighters; cancer diagnosis.—

15           (1) As used in this section, the term:

16           (c) "Firefighter" means an individual employed as a full-  
17   time firefighter or full-time, Florida-certified fire  
18   investigator within the fire department or public safety  
19   department of an employer whose primary responsibilities are the  
20   prevention and extinguishing of fires; the protection of life  
21   and property; and the enforcement of municipal, county, and  
22   state fire prevention codes and laws pertaining to the  
23   prevention and control of fires; or the investigation of fires  
24   and explosives.

25           Section 2. The Legislature determines and declares that  
26   this act fulfills an important state interest.

27           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.