

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to firefighter cancer benefits;  
 3           amending s. 112.1816, F.S.; requiring a former  
 4           employer to provide death benefits to certain  
 5           beneficiaries for a specified time period under  
 6           certain circumstances; providing a finding and  
 7           declaration of important state interest; providing an  
 8           effective date.

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

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 12           **Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section**  
 13 **112.1816, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

14           112.1816 Firefighters; cancer diagnosis.—

15           (4)

16           (c) Firefighters who die as a result of cancer or  
 17 circumstances that arise out of the treatment of cancer are  
 18 considered to have died in the manner as described in s.  
 19 112.191(2)(a), and all of the benefits arising out of such death  
 20 are available to the deceased firefighter's beneficiary. Such  
 21 death benefits must be made available by the former employer of  
 22 the firefighter for 1 year after the date on which the  
 23 firefighter terminated employment so long as the firefighter  
 24 otherwise met the criteria specified in this subsection when he  
 25 or she terminated employment and was not employed as a

26 | firefighter after that date.

27 |       **Section 2.** The Legislature finds and declares that this  
28 | act fulfills an important state interest.

29 |       **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.