

HOUSE BILL NO. 103

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE SADDLER

Introduced: 2/14/25

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to coverage for disability from diseases for certain firefighters; and**
2 **providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 23.30.121(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) For a firefighter covered under AS 23.30.243,

6 (1) there is a presumption that a claim for compensation for disability
7 as a result of the following diseases is within the provisions of this chapter:

8 (A) respiratory disease;

9 (B) cardiovascular events that are experienced within 72 hours
10 after exposure to smoke, fumes, or toxic substances; and

11 (C) the following cancers:

12 (i) primary brain cancer;

13 (ii) malignant melanoma;

14 (iii) leukemia;

- 1 (iv) non-Hodgkin's lymphoma;
 2 (v) bladder cancer;
 3 (vi) ureter cancer;
 4 (vii) kidney cancer;
 5 (viii) prostate cancer; and
 6 (ix) breast cancer;

7 (2) notwithstanding AS 23.30.100(a), following termination of service,
 8 the presumption established in (1) of this subsection extends to the firefighter for a
 9 period of three calendar months for each year of requisite service but may not extend
 10 more than 60 calendar months following the last date of employment;

11 (3) the presumption established in (1) of this subsection applies only to
 12 an active or former firefighter who has a disease described in (1) of this subsection
 13 that develops or manifests itself after the firefighter has served in the state for at least
 14 six [SEVEN] years and who

15 (A) underwent [WAS GIVEN] a qualifying medical
 16 examination

17 (i) upon the first employment as [BECOMING] a
 18 firefighter that did not show evidence of the disease;

19 (ii) at least once every two years [(B) WAS GIVEN
 20 AN ANNUAL MEDICAL EXAM] during [EACH OF] the first six
 21 [SEVEN] years of employment as a firefighter that did not show
 22 evidence of the disease; and

23 (B) [(C)] with regard to diseases described in (1)(C) of this
 24 subsection, demonstrates that, while in the course of employment as a
 25 firefighter, the firefighter was exposed to a known carcinogen, as defined by
 26 the International Agency for Research on Cancer or the National Toxicology
 27 Program, and the carcinogen is associated with a disabling cancer.

28 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).