

Committee on Banking and Insurance

CS/SB 838 — Fire Investigators

by Appropriations Committee and Senators Wright, Polsky, and Hooper

The bill makes a fire investigator eligible for certain benefits under s. 112.1816, F.S., upon diagnosis of one of 21 enumerated cancers. The benefits are an alternative to pursuing a workers' compensation claim, and entitle the fire investigator to a one-time cash payout of \$25,000; cancer treatment with the employer reimbursing the fire investigator for any out-of-pocket deductible, copayment, or coinsurance related to the cancer treatment; enhanced disability benefits under an employer-sponsored retirement plan or employer-sponsored disability retirement plan if fire investigator is totally or permanently disabled due to the cancer; and a higher death benefit for the beneficiary of a fire investigator who dies from the cancer or circumstances that arise from the cancer treatment.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 112-0