

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

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 **Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section**
 11 **112.1816, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

12 112.1816 Firefighters; cancer diagnosis.—

13 (4)

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

25 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.