



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1231

PRINTER'S NO: 4393

PRIME SPONSOR: Murphy

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
Expenditure Increase		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	See Analysis	See Analysis
State Workers Insurance Fund	See Analysis	See Analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1231 amends the Workers' Compensation Act to further define cancer as an occupational disease for firefighters. Firefighters who have served for four or more years and can establish a work-related exposure to a carcinogen would be covered.

The bill shall take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

Administrative costs of the bill will not impact the General Fund. The Bureau of Workers Compensation and the State Workers Insurance Fund receive funding from other sources, and the Department has indicated that it can absorb the increased responsibilities. However, the bill may result in increased costs to municipalities as workers compensation premiums may increase for entities that currently cover employed firefighters, because of increased benefit costs. In addition, the State Workers Insurance Fund may experience increased benefit costs as well. The exact size of the impact is not known at this time.

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