

## CHAPTER 2022-131

### Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 838

An act relating to fire investigators; amending s. 112.1816, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “firefighter” to include full-time, Florida-certified fire investigators for the purpose of expanding eligibility for certain cancer treatment benefits to such investigators; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

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

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

112.1816 Firefighters; cancer diagnosis.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(c) “Firefighter” means an individual employed as a full-time firefighter or full-time, Florida-certified fire investigator within the fire department or public safety department of an employer whose primary responsibilities are the prevention and extinguishing of fires; the protection of life and property; and the enforcement of municipal, county, and state fire prevention codes and laws pertaining to the prevention and control of fires; or the investigation of fires and explosives.

Section 2. The Legislature determines and declares that this act fulfills an important state interest.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor May 20, 2022.

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