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HOUSE BILL 466

Short Title: Firefighters' Line of Duty Diseases/Funds. (Public)

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March 28, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT EXPANDING THE LIST OF CANCERS COVERED AS OCCUPATIONAL
3 DISEASES FOR FIREFIGHTERS' DEATH BENEFITS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
4 TO COVER THE ADDITIONAL DEATH BENEFITS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-166.2 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 143-166.2. Definitions.**

8 The following definitions apply in this Article:

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10 (6) Killed in the line of duty. – This term shall apply to all of the following deaths:

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12 e. When the death of a firefighter occurs as a direct and proximate result
13 of any of the following cancers that are occupationally related to
14 firefighting, that firefighter is presumed to have been killed in the line
15 of duty:

- 16 1. Mesothelioma.
- 17 2. Testicular cancer.
- 18 3. ~~Intestinal cancer.~~ Cancer of the small intestine.
- 19 4. Esophageal cancer.
- 20 5. Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- 21 6. Brain and other nervous system cancer.
- 22 7. Multiple myeloma.

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24 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
25 Insurance the sum of one million twenty-three thousand dollars (\$1,023,000) for the 2019-2020
26 fiscal year and the sum of one million twenty-three thousand dollars (\$1,023,000) for the
27 2020-2021 fiscal year in recurring funds to be used to cover the additional occupational diseases
28 for firefighters' death benefits set out in Section 1 of this act.

29 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

