

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-3599/2	Introduction Number	AB-0644	Estimate Type	Original
Description Establishing a presumption for employment-connected communicable diseases for fire fighters, emergency medical service providers, law enforcement officers, and certain correctional employees					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 644 creates a presumption in a proceeding for death or disability benefits in which a state, county or municipal fire fighter, emergency medical service provider, law enforcement officer or correctional officer dies or is disabled as a result of specific infectious diseases, that the disease was caused by the person's employment as a fire fighter, emergency medical service provider, law enforcement officer or correctional officer, if the person's medical examination taken before being hired showed no evidence of the disease.

AB 644 would apply to the Division of Capitol Police law enforcement staff in the Department of Administration (DOA). The bill could potentially increase the cost of life and disability coverage for Capitol Police staff if there is an increase in death or disability claims, or in the level of such claims. However, it is not possible to determine how many deaths or disabilities might occur as a result of specific infectious diseases. Additionally, it is not possible to determine whether the increase would occur or how much it would be without an actuarial analysis. Therefore, the fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate.

The Division of Capitol Police currently requires a medical examination for law enforcement officer candidates prior to hiring. If additional screening or testing for the identified diseases is necessary, the cost of medical examinations may increase but the Division anticipates the increase would not be significant.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications