

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-3129/2	Introduction Number	SB-429	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

This bill modifies certain aspects of the duty disability program under s. 40.65. Under the bill, in a proceeding regarding benefits for certain protective occupation participants related to a disability due to certain infectious diseases, there would be a presumption that the disease was caused by the person's employment if that person's pre-employment medical examination showed no evidence of the disease.

Any increase in administrative costs will be dependent on the number of new duty disability claims received as a result of this bill. Based on similar provisions in current law, it is anticipated that very few additional claims will be generated as a result of this change. As such, the increase in administrative costs is anticipated to be insignificant. Note that an actuarial analysis would be needed to better project the change in claims associated with this bill - this analysis has not been done or requested.

Only changes in the administrative costs associated with the duty disability program are included in this estimate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications