A bill to be entitled

An act relating to firefighter cancer benefits; amending s. 112.1816, F.S.; requiring a former employer to provide death benefits to certain beneficiaries for a specified time period under certain circumstances; providing a finding and 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 (4) of section 112.1816, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.1816 Firefighters; cancer diagnosis.—

(4)

(c) Firefighters who die as a result of cancer or circumstances that arise out of the treatment of cancer are considered to have died in the manner as described in s. 112.191(2)(a), and all of the benefits arising out of such death are available to the deceased firefighter's beneficiary. Such death benefits must be made available by the former employer of the firefighter for 1 year after the date on which the firefighter terminated employment so long as the firefighter otherwise met the criteria specified in this subsection when he or she terminated employment and was not employed as a

firefighter after that date.

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

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.