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HR 697

Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2005

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 26, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 1221	Related bill	Jan 27, 2006: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia.

Summary (as of Feb 9, 2005)

Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2005 - Amends Federal law to provide that, with regard to an employee in fire protection activities: (1) heart disease, lung disease, specified cancers and infectious diseases shall be presumed to be proximately caused by the employee's employment; (2) the disability or death of an employee in fire protection activities due to such a disease shall be presumed to result from personal injury sustained while in the performance of such employee's duty; and (3) such presumptions may be rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence.

Actions Timeline

- May 26, 2005: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- Mar 24, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- Feb 9, 2005: Introduced in HouseFeb 9, 2005: Introduced in House
- Feb 9, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.