

2003

CHAPTER 13

An Act to amend *The Workers' Compensation Act, 1979*

(Assented to May 27, 2003)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2003*.

S.S. 1979, c.W-17.1 amended

2 *The Workers' Compensation Act, 1979* is amended in the manner set forth in this Act.

New section 29.1

3 The following section is added after section 29:

“Presumption of certain occupational diseases re fire fighters

29.1(1) In this section and in section 181:

(a) **‘fire department’** means a fire department as defined in *The Fire Prevention Act, 1992*;

(b) **‘listed disease’** means:

(i) a primary site brain cancer;

(ii) a primary site bladder cancer;

(iii) a primary site kidney cancer;

(iv) a primary non-Hodgkins lymphoma; or

(v) a primary leukemia.

(2) If a worker who is or has been a fire fighter suffers a listed disease, that disease is presumed to be an occupational disease, the dominant cause of which is the employment as a fire fighter, unless the contrary is shown.

(3) The presumption mentioned in subsection (2) applies only to a worker who:

(a) has been a full-time member of a fire department for the minimum period of employment prescribed in the regulations; and

(b) has been regularly exposed to the hazards of a fire scene, other than a forest fire scene, throughout the period mentioned in clause (a)”.
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Section 181 amended**4 The following subsection is added after subsection 181(2):**

“(3) For the purposes of section 29.1, the Lieutenant Governor in Council, after consulting with the board, may make regulations prescribing periods of employment and, for that purpose, may prescribe different periods of employment for different listed diseases”.

Coming into force**5 This Act comes into force on assent.**