

## Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1237

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Enrolled

**2. Patron** Jones, J.C.

**3. Committee** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title** Workers' compensation; occupational disease.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This legislation creates a presumption that any commercial vehicle enforcement officer or motor carriers safety trooper employed by the Department of State Police or full-time sworn member of the enforcement division of the Department of Motor Vehicles having completed twelve years of continuous service and who has contact with a toxic substance resulting in leukemia or pancreatic, prostate, rectal, throat, ovarian, or breast cancer causing the death of, or the total or partial disability of, that employee is a workers' compensation eligible event. In addition, the bill expands the definition of "firefighter" to include "any persons who are employed by or contract with private employers primarily to provide firefighting services."

**6. Fiscal Impact is** INDETERMINATE

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No. Because the Department of Human Resource Management's Workers' Compensation Program staff develop worker's compensation premiums for state agencies and institutions of higher education on a biennial basis, this proposal would have no impact on the state agencies affected by it until the next time the Workers' Compensation Program's staff revise those premiums. Consequently, since worker's compensation premiums for fiscal years 2003 and 2004 have already been released, the next time those premiums could be revised is in preparation for the 2004-2006 biennium.

**8. Fiscal implications:** This legislation's fiscal impact is indeterminate, because there is no claim experience upon which to base any assumptions about the number of workers' compensation claims these employees might file. However, it is assumed that if this legislation is approved, there could be some workers' compensation claims filed by these employees due to their exposure to vehicle exhausts and hazardous trucking cargo items. Any claims filed by these employees would translate into higher workers' compensation premiums for the state agencies for which those employees work.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** This legislation would affect the Departments of State Police and Motor Vehicles.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. Othercomments:None.

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