

State Presumptive Disability Laws

The following states have presumptive disability laws which recognize that fire fighters are at increased risk for certain illnesses. The laws create a presumption that the specified diseases are job related. Because the laws vary greatly from state to state, readers should use the links to review the specific state laws to determine the law's application.

Code Part: WC = Workman's Comp, RS = Retirement / Pension System,
GP = General Provisions / other section

State	Heart Disease	Lung Disease	Cancer	Infectious Diseases	Other	Code Part
1. Alabama	✓*	✓*	✓	✓*		GP
2. Alaska	✓	✓	✓			WC
3. Arizona			✓			WC
4. Arkansas			✓*			RS
5. California	✓		✓	✓	Hernia	WC & RS
6. Colorado	✓*		✓	✓		WC & GP
7. Connecticut	✓		✓*	✓*		WC
8. Delaware						
9. Florida	✓			✓		GP
10. Georgia						
11. Hawaii	✓	✓				RS
12. Idaho	✓*	✓*	✓	✓*		WC
13. Illinois	✓*	✓*	✓	✓*		RS
14. Indiana	✓	✓	✓		Parkinson's	GP
15. Iowa	✓	✓	✓	✓		RS
16. Kansas	✓	✓	✓			RS
17. Kentucky						
18. Louisiana	✓	✓	✓	✓	Hearing	GP
19. Maine	✓	✓	✓	✓		WC
20. Maryland	✓	✓	✓			WC
21. Massachusetts	✓	✓	✓			RS
22. Michigan	✓	✓	✓			WC
23. Minnesota	✓		✓	✓		WC
24. Mississippi						
25. Missouri	✓	✓	✓	✓		RS
26. Montana						
27. Nebraska	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mental injury/illness*	GP
28. Nevada	✓	✓	✓	✓		GP
29. New Hampshire	✓	✓	✓			WC
30. New Jersey	✓	✓				WC
31. New Mexico	✓		✓	✓		WC

- *AL has a death/disability eligibility for heart, lung & infectious disease
- *AR a death/disability eligibility for certain cancers
- *BC has an eligibility for benefits for a mental health disability
- *CO has a benefit eligibility for heart disease
- *CT has a death/disability eligibility for cancer & infectious disease
- *GA had a death/disability eligibility for heart & lung disease that expired in 1993
- *ID has a death/disability eligibility for heart, lung & Infectious disease
- *IL has a death/disability eligibility for heart, lung & infectious disease
- *NE has an eligibility for benefits for a mental health disability
- *NY heart & lung disease presumptions only apply to fire fighters in New York City
- *SD has a death/disability eligibility for cancer
- *UT has a death/disability eligibility for heart & lung disease