

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	Behavioral Health	Other	Code Part
1. Alabama	✓*	✓*	✓	✓*			GP
2. Alaska	✓	✓	✓				WC
3. Arizona	✓		✓		✓*		WC
4. Arkansas			✓				RS & GP
5. California	✓		✓	✓	✓	Hernia	WC & RS
6. Colorado	✓*		✓	✓	✓*		WC & GP
7. Connecticut	✓		✓*	✓*	✓*		WC
8. Delaware							WC
9. Florida	✓		✓	✓	✓*		GP
10. Georgia			✓*				GP
11. Hawaii	✓	✓	✓*				RS
12. Idaho	✓*	✓*	✓	✓*	✓*		WC
13. Illinois	✓*	✓*	✓	✓*		Hernia/Hearing	RS/WC
14. Indiana	✓	✓	✓			Parkinson's	GP
15. Iowa	✓	✓	✓	✓			RS
16. Kansas	✓	✓	✓				RS
17. Kentucky			✓*				GP
18. Louisiana	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Hearing	GP
19. Maine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		WC
20. Maryland	✓	✓	✓				WC
21. Massachusetts	✓	✓	✓				RS
22. Michigan	✓	✓	✓				WC
23. Minnesota	✓		✓	✓	✓		WC
24. Mississippi			✓*				WC
25. Missouri	✓	✓	✓	✓			RS
26. Montana	✓		✓				WC
27. Nebraska	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*		GP
28. Nevada	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*		GP
29. New Hampshire	✓	✓	✓		✓		WC
30. New Jersey	✓	✓	✓				WC
31. New Mexico	✓		✓	✓	✓		WC
32. New York	✓*	✓*	✓	✓	✓*		RS
33. North Carolina			✓*				RS
34. North Dakota	✓	✓	✓	✓			GP
35. Ohio	✓	✓	✓				WC
36. Oklahoma	✓	✓	✓	✓			RS
37. Oregon	✓	✓	✓		✓		WC
38. Pennsylvania			✓	✓			WC

State	Heart Disease	Lung Disease	Cancer	Infectious Diseases	Behavioral Health	Other	*Code Part
39. Rhode Island		✓	✓	✓			GP
40. South Carolina	✓	✓					WC
41. South Dakota	✓	✓	✓*				RS
42. Tennessee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*		GP
43. Texas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*		GP & WC
44. Utah	✓*	✓*	✓	✓			WC
45. Vermont	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		WC
46. Virginia	✓	✓	✓	✓			WC
47. Washington	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		WC
48. West Virginia	✓	✓	✓				WC
49. Wisconsin	✓	✓	✓	✓			GP
50. Wyoming	✓		✓				WC
Totals	42 36+6	34 29+5*	48 41+7*	27 23+4*	19 9+10*		WC = 26 RS = 11 GP = 15

Canadian Provinces & Territories

Province	Heart Disease	Lung Disease	Cancer	Infectious Diseases	Behavioral Health	*Code Part
Alberta	✓		✓		✓	WC
British Columbia	✓		✓	✓	✓	WC
Manitoba	✓		✓		✓	WC
New Brunswick	✓		✓		✓	WC
Newfoundland			✓		✓	WC
Northwest Terr.	✓		✓			WC
Nova Scotia			✓		✓	WC
Nunavut Terr.	✓		✓			WC
Ontario	✓		✓		✓	WC
Prince Edward Island	✓		✓			WC
Quebec						
Saskatchewan	✓		✓		✓	WC
Yukon Terr.	✓		✓		✓	WC
Totals	10		12	1	9	WC = 12

- *AL has a death/disability eligibility for heart, lung & infectious disease
- *AZ has an eligibility for benefits for PTSD
- *AR a death/disability eligibility for certain cancers
- *CO has a benefit eligibility for heart disease and mental impairment
- *CT has a death/disability eligibility for cancer, infectious disease & PTSD
- *FL has an eligibility for benefits for cancer and PTSD
- *GA has a death/disability eligibility for cancer
- *HI has a death/disability eligibility for cancer
- *ID has a death/disability eligibility for heart, lung, Infectious disease & PTSI
- *IL has a death/disability eligibility for heart, lung & infectious disease
- *KY has a death benefit eligibility for certain cancers
- *MI a death/disability eligibility for certain cancers
- *NC has a death/disability eligibility for cancer
- *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
- *NY has an eligibility for benefits for a mental incapacitation
- *SD has a death/disability eligibility for cancer
- *TN has an eligibility for benefits for PTSD
- *TX has an eligibility for benefits for PTSD
- *UT has a death/disability eligibility for heart & lung disease