

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB130

Patron: Cornett

Bill Title: Workers' compensation; presumption for certain cancers; sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

Bill Summary: Expands the workers' compensation presumption of compensability for certain cancers causing the death or disability of certain employees who have completed five years of service in their position to include sheriffs or deputy sheriffs.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: 469

Explanation: A budget amendment is needed for the impact of increased Line of Duty Act premiums expected to be billed to state agencies as a result of this legislation.

Fiscal Summary: This legislation is expected to increase Line of Duty Act premiums billed to state agencies and localities enrolled in the state administered Line of Duty Act fund. Localities may experience additional costs for increased workers' compensation premiums or claims.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
Central Appropriations	\$0	\$98,235	\$98,235	\$98,235	\$98,235	\$98,235
TOTAL	\$0	\$98,235	\$98,235	\$98,235	\$98,235	\$98,235

Fiscal Analysis: Under current law, individuals in certain occupations who experience total or partial disability or death as a result of certain cancers are eligible for workers' compensation claims because the law presumes that such diseases are related to their occupation. This legislation would expand the list of occupations to include sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

Since sheriffs and deputy sheriffs are not state employees, this legislation would not generate a fiscal impact for the Department of Human Resource Management's Office of Workers' Compensation or the workers' compensation premiums paid by state agencies.

Localities may experience higher workers' compensation premiums or claims as a result of this legislation but such impact is unknown.

Under the Line of Duty Act (LODA), § 9.1-400 et seq., eligible individuals who experience death or disability as a result of the cancer presumptions in § 65.2-402 and also meet the definition for a disabled person or deceased person under LODA are eligible to receive LODA benefits. Expanding the cancer presumptions to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs will allow eligible individuals to file claims for LODA benefits for these diseases.

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While sheriffs and deputy sheriffs are not state employees, all political subdivisions were given an irrevocable choice to join the state administered LODA fund or provide LODA benefits on their own. Political subdivisions that joined the state administered LODA fund are charged a per eligible employee premium once a year. That premium is also charged to state agencies. The Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Board of Trustees certified a rate of \$1,385 per eligible employee for FY2027. VRS estimates that this legislation would increase that premium by \$10 per eligible employee, which has a general fund fiscal impact of \$98,235 per year for the increased LODA premiums for state agencies.

Other: None.