

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 612 (Substitute for House Bill No. 16 by Representative Abraham)

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAHAM

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

RETIREMENT/FIREFIGHTERS: Requires a physical exam that meets or exceeds national standards for purposes of membership in the Firefighters' Retirement System

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2270(A), relative to membership in the Firefighters'  
3 Retirement System; to provide with respect to medical qualifications for  
4 membership; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
6 as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution  
7 of Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 11:2270(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §2270. Physical examination; delinquency

11 A.(1) In order for any applicant to be eligible for membership in the  
12 Firefighters' Retirement System, such applicant shall complete the enrollment  
13 process, including the completion of the applicant form prescribed by the system,  
14 and shall have a physical examination which shall be evidenced by a physical  
15 examination form prescribed by the system.

16 (2) National Fire Protection Association code 1582, Standard on  
17 Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments, is the  
18 governing standard of physical evaluations required for membership in the system.  
19 The version of the code in effect on an employee's date of hire is applicable for  
20 purposes of his membership in the system. An employee shall not be enrolled as a

1 member in the system until his employer provides the system with a written  
 2 statement certifying that he has successfully completed a physical examination that  
 3 meets or exceeds this standard. The board of trustees may waive the provisions of  
 4 this Paragraph for any employee or employer.

5 (3) The cost of the physical examination shall be paid by the employer. If  
 6 the current physical or mental condition or medical history of an applicant, as  
 7 reflected on the physical examination form, is outside the guidelines established by  
 8 the board physician, said applicant shall be required to execute a waiver for any  
 9 condition reflected thereon.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to physical examinations required for membership in the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS).

Present law requires all applicants for enrollment in FRS to have a physical examination evidenced by a physical examination form prescribed by the system. Present law further provides for exceptions to the membership requirement by execution of a waiver. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law establishes the governing standard of physical evaluations required for membership in the system and provides for employer certification of employee compliance with proposed law. Authorizes the system's board of trustees to waive the requirements of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 11:2270(A))