

By: Representatives Hale, Bell (65th),
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To: Insurance;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1215

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-15-403, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "FIRST RESPONDERS" TO INCLUDE
3 COUNTY ROAD CREW EMPLOYEES UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI FIRST RESPONDERS
4 HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-15-403, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 25-15-403. For purposes of this article, the following words
9 shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly
10 indicates otherwise:

11 (a) "Cancer" means a disease caused by an uncontrolled
12 division of abnormal cells in a part of the body or a malignant
13 growth or tumor resulting from the division of abnormal cells.

14 "Cancer" is limited to cancer affecting the bladder, brain, colon,
15 liver, pancreas, skin, kidney, gastrointestinal tract,
16 reproductive tract, leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma,
17 prostate, testicles and breast.

18 (b) "Firefighter" means any firefighter who has ten
19 (10) or more years of service and is employed by the State of



20 Mississippi, or any political subdivision thereof, on a full-time
21 duty status, and any firefighter who has ten (10) or more years of
22 service and is registered with the State of Mississippi, or a
23 political subdivision thereof, on a volunteer firefighting status.

24 (c) "Law enforcement officer" means any officer who has
25 been certified by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer
26 Standards and Training and has ten (10) or more years of service.

27 (d) "County road crew employee" means any individual
28 who works for a county road department on a full time basis and is
29 responsible for keeping roads and bridges cleared and open when
30 disaster strikes.

31 (* * *e) "First responder" means any firefighter and
32 law enforcement officer as defined in paragraphs (b) * * *l (c)
33 and (d) of this section.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2024.

