

SB 27 — Michael Louis Palumbo, Jr. Act Report

Workers' Compensation Presumed Cancer Claims for Firefighters

This report is submitted in compliance with the requirements of SB 27, under the 131st General Assembly, effective April 6, 2017, which created a presumption that firefighters diagnosed with cancer contracted the disease in the course of and arising out of their employment as firefighters.

Claims filed to date, April 6, 2017 – Aug. 31, 2020: 194 by 176 firefighters*

Approved (presumption met)	138
Denied (presumption not met)	51
Dismissed (filed in error, withdrawn by worker, incomplete application)	2
Appealed by firefighter	41
Appealed by employer	94
Active (allowed after final administrative decision; appeals exhausted)	129

Payments

Total medical payments	\$6,072,143
Total indemnity payments	\$3,158,417
Total benefits paid	\$9,230,560

*A firefighter may file multiple claims if that firefighter has multiple diagnoses or has worked for several employers.

For more on the Michael Louis Palumbo, Jr. Act, visit [Ohio Revised Code Section 4123.68](#).