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H.B. No. 198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to periodic occupational cancer screenings for firefighters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Wade Cannon Act.

SECTION 2. Chapter 180, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 180.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 180.011. OCCUPATIONAL CANCER SCREENING FOR FIREFIGHTERS. (a) In this section, "firefighter" means an individual defined as fire protection personnel under Section 419.021, Government Code.

(b) A political subdivision that employs firefighters shall offer an occupational cancer screening to each firefighter at no cost to the firefighter in the fifth year of the firefighter's employment, and once every three years following the initial screening.

(c) The occupational cancer screening must be confidential and test for each type of cancer, including:

- (1) colorectal cancer;
- (2) prostate cancer, if applicable;
- (3) lung cancer; and
- (4) brain cancer.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.