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Introduced by M. of A. GRAF -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, in relation to  
establishing a presumption relating to certain cancer related disabili-  
ties incurred by volunteer firefighters

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 11-c of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, as  
2     added by chapter 606 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S [11-c] 11-D. Volunteer firefighters; presumption in certain  
4     diseases. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or of any  
5     general, special or local law to the contrary, and for the purposes of  
6     this chapter, any condition of impairment of health caused by diseases  
7     of the lung AND/OR CANCER DISABILITIES, resulting in total or partial  
8     disability or death to a volunteer firefighter, where such volunteer  
9     firefighter successfully passed a physical examination on entry into  
10    such service or subsequent thereto, which examination failed to reveal  
11    any evidence of such conditions, shall be presumptive evidence that such  
12    disability or death (a) was caused by the natural and proximate result  
13    of an accident, not caused by such firefighter's own negligence and (b)  
14    was incurred in the performance and discharge of duty, unless the  
15    contrary be proven by competent evidence.  
16    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amend-  
17    ments to section 11-c of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, made  
18    by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration and repeal of  
19    such section, and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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