STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 21, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, in relation to a presumption for Parkinson's disease; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The volunteer firefighters' benefit law is amended by adding a new section 11-d to read as follows:

§ 11-d. Volunteer firefighters; presumption for Parkinson's disease. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or of any general, special or local law to the contrary, and for the purposes of this chapter, any condition of impairment of health caused by Parkinson's disease, resulting in total or partial disability or death to a volunteer firefighter, where such volunteer firefighter successfully passed a physical examination on entry into such service or subsequent thereto, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of such condition, shall be presumptive evidence that such disability or death (a) was caused by the natural and proximate result of an accident, not caused by such firefighter's own negligence, and (b) was incurred in the performance and discharge of duty, unless the contrary be proven by competent evidence.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed June 30, 2030.

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

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