Bureau of Workers' Compensation

SB 27 - Michael Louis Palumbo, Jr. Act Report

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 – July 1, 2026: 541 by 501 firefighters*	
Approved (presumption met)	424
Denied (presumption not met)	103
Dismissed (filed in error, withdrawn by worker, incomplete application)	6
Appealed by firefighter or employer	337
Active (allowed after final administrative decision; appeals exhausted)	402

Payments	
Total medical payments	$30,506,578
Total indemnity payments	$16,162,386
Total benefits paid	$46,668,964

*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.