

Human Resources Legislative Update

Increased Cancer Coverage Under WSIA for Firefighters

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On May 2, 2014, prior to the dissolution of the Legislature, the Ontario government published regulatory amendments to s. 4 of [Ontario Regulation 253/07](#) made under the [Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997](#) (“WSIA”).

[O. Reg. 113/14](#) adds the following six cancers to the list of diseases that are prescribed for the purposes of the presumptive status in s. 15.1(4) of WSIA:

- primary-site breast cancer, multiple myeloma and primary-site testicular cancer, effective immediately;
- primary-site prostate cancer, effective January 1, 2015;
- primary-site lung cancer, effective January 1, 2016; and
- primary-site skin cancer, effective January 1, 2017.

The extended status is retroactive to January 1, 1960, and applies to full-time, part-time and volunteer firefighters and fire investigators.