

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 4260

6 By: Hays

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8 An Act relating to workers' compensation; creating  
9 claims for certain medical episodes for certain first  
10 responders; providing framework for claims; providing  
11 for rebuttable presumption; providing for a sunset;  
12 providing for codification; and providing an  
13 effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 127 of Title 85A, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION OR STROKE.

19 A. A firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical  
20 technician who suffers an acute myocardial infarction or stroke  
21 resulting in disability or death is presumed to have suffered the  
22 disability or death during the course and scope of employment as a  
23 firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical technician if:

24 1. While on duty, the firefighter, peace officer, or emergency  
25 medical technician:

1 a. was engaged in a situation that involved stressful or  
2 strenuous physical activity involving fire  
3 suppression, rescue, hazardous material response,  
4 emergency medical services, law enforcement, or other  
5 emergency response activity, or

6 b. participated in a training exercise that involved  
7 stressful or strenuous physical activity, and

8 2. The acute myocardial infarction or stroke occurred not later  
9 than eight (8) hours after the end of a shift in which the  
10 firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical technician was  
11 engaged in the activity described in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

12 B. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the medical  
13 events described in subsection A of this section arose out of the  
14 employment performed by the person and occurred while the employee  
15 was acting within the scope of employment. This presumption may be  
16 overcome by clear and convincing evidence.

17 C. For purposes of this section, "stressful or strenuous  
18 physical activity" does not include clerical, administrative, or  
19 nonmanual activities.

20 D. For purposes of this section, "firefighter", "peace  
21 officer", and "emergency medical technician" mean only those  
22 individuals employed by the state, a county, a municipality, or any  
23 other political subdivision of this state.

1 E. This section shall cease to have full force and effect in  
2 law on November 1, 2031, to allow for a full legislative review of  
3 the fiscal impact.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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