

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 4752**

February 10, 2014

SPONSOR (S): Sims

SYSTEM(S): Chicago Firefighters

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Retirement Board of the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago, there have been no documented cases of members filing for occupational disease disability benefits as a result of a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease. The fiscal impact of HB 4752 is unknown, as the number of firemen who will develop Parkinson's disease in the future cannot be determined.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 4752 amends the Chicago Firefighters Article of the Illinois Pension Code to include Parkinson's disease as a condition in which a member can receive an occupational disease disability benefit.

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COMMENT: Under current law, Parkinson's disease is not included in the list of conditions that if diagnosed, allow a fireman to receive an occupational disease disability benefit. HB 4752 would include Parkinson's disease as a condition that would allow a firefighter to receive the occupational disease disability benefit. Firemen entering service after the effective date of this Act with a preexisting diagnosis of Parkinson's will not be entitled to receive this benefit.

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