

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB643**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday March 14, 2019  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** McDonnell  
**One Liner:** Change death and disability-related prima facie evidence provisions relating to emergency responders

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Brandt, Chambers, DeBoer, Lathrop, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Slama, Wayne

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Mike McDonnell  
Steve LeClair

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Omaha Professional Firefighters Local #385

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 643 adds breast cancer and ovarian cancer to the list of cancers where a firefighter or firefighter-paramedic who dies or is disabled as a result of the disease is prima facie evidence that the death or disability was in the line of duty.

Section 1 Amends section 35-1001 to include breast and ovarian cancer in the list of cancers (including lymphatic, digestive, skeletal, prostate and others) where if death or disability occurs to a firefighter or firefighter-paramedic, it is prima facie evidence that the death or disability was due to line of duty activities.

Section 2 Repeals original section

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Steve Lathrop, Chairperson