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AB-1400 Employment safety: firefighting equipment: mechanics. (2019-2020)

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Assembly Bill No. 1400

CHAPTER 717

An act to add and repeal Section 77.7 of the Labor Code, relating to employee safety.

[Approved by Governor October 10, 2019. Filed with Secretary of State October 10, 2019.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1400, Kamlager-Dove. Employment safety: firefighting equipment: mechanics.

Existing law establishes a workers' compensation system, administered by the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, to compensate an employee for injuries sustained in the course of employment. Existing law requires the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation to conduct a continuing examination of the workers' compensation system and of the state's activities to prevent industrial injuries and occupational diseases.

This bill would require the commission, in partnership with the County of Los Angeles and relevant labor organizations, on or before January 1, 2021, to submit a study to the Legislature, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on the risk of exposure to carcinogenic materials and incidence of occupational cancer in mechanics who repair and clean firefighting vehicles.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 77.7 is added to the Labor Code, to read:

77.7. (a) On or before January 1, 2021, the commission shall, in partnership with the County of Los Angeles and relevant labor organizations, submit a study to the Legislature, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on the risk of exposure to carcinogenic materials and incidence of occupational cancer in mechanics who repair and clean firefighting vehicles. At a minimum, the study shall include all of the following:

- (1) Site visits at a representative sample of facilities, including, but not limited to, facilities in the County of Los Angeles, where firefighting equipment is cleaned and repaired.
- (2) Interviews and surveys with current and former mechanics of firefighting equipment in a sample of facilities regarding the frequency of exposure to potential carcinogens, use and availability of safety equipment, and experience or knowledge of cancer incidence among current or former mechanics who cleaned or repaired firefighting equipment.
- (3) A measurement of the current levels of carcinogenic material exposure to mechanics who repair and clean firefighting vehicles in the County of Los Angeles and other facilities included in the study, in order to develop a baseline of carcinogenic

material exposure.

(b) (1) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(2) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this section is repealed on January 1, 2024.