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House Bill 5284 (As Introduced)

Topic: Worker's Compensation & Secondhand Smoke

Sponsor: Representative Bledsoe

Co-Sponsors: None

Committee: House Regulatory Reform

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The bill amends the Worker's Disability Compensation Act by providing a presumption that a worker's lung disease or other condition that has been linked to secondhand smoke is compensable if all of the following conditions apply:

- The employer permits smoking in the workplace.
- The affected employee does not smoke and has not been a smoker in the immediately preceding 10 years.
- The employee was subject to secondhand smoke in the workplace for 1 year or more.

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