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Proposed Bill No. 5857

LCO No. 1872



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Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:

REP. KHANNA, 149th Dist.
REP. PORTER, 94th Dist.
REP. HUGHES, 135th Dist.
REP. NOLAN, 39th Dist.
REP. DELANY, 144th Dist.

REP. BUMGARDNER, 41st Dist.
REP. PARIS, 145th Dist.
REP. MICHEL, 146th Dist.
REP. BLUMENTHAL, 147th Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE
FOR FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to make professional and
- 2 volunteer firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer, acquired through
- 3 their occupational exposure to toxic substances and poisonous gases,
- 4 eligible for workers' compensation and other benefits, including death
- 5 benefits in the event of their death due to such cancer and to make
- 6 cancer a presumptive line-of-duty injury or cause of death, unless the
- 7 contrary can be shown by a preponderance of the evidence. To be
- 8 eligible, a firefighter shall have served for a minimum of five years, have
- 9 been repeatedly exposed to indoor fires, been a nonsmoker and not have
- 10 a history of cancer prior to becoming a firefighter.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide workers' compensation for firefighters diagnosed with cancer.