

HOUSE No. 1080

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Lawn, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act mandating access to cancer screenings for firefighters through health care benefits plans or programs provided by the public employer.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i> | <i>10th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/18/2023</i> |
| <i>Vanna Howard</i> | <i>17th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i> | <i>33rd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Susannah M. Whipps</i> | <i>2nd Franklin</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Peter Capano</i> | <i>11th Essex</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Smitty Pignatelli</i> | <i>3rd Berkshire</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Josh S. Cutler</i> | <i>6th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Carol A. Doherty</i> | <i>3rd Bristol</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i> | <i>16th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Marc R. Pacheco</i> | <i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i> | <i>9th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Ryan M. Hamilton</i> | <i>15th Essex</i> | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>William C. Galvin</i> | <i>6th Norfolk</i> | <i>2/2/2023</i> |

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| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>2/2/2023</i> |
| <i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2023</i> |
| <i>Rodney M. Elliott</i> | <i>16th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2023</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> | <i>2/2/2023</i> |
| <i>Tackey Chan</i> | <i>2nd Norfolk</i> | <i>2/2/2023</i> |
| <i>Christine P. Barber</i> | <i>34th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/7/2023</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i> | <i>2nd Hampden</i> | <i>2/7/2023</i> |
| <i>Jon Santiago</i> | <i>9th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/7/2023</i> |
| <i>Adrian C. Madaro</i> | <i>1st Suffolk</i> | <i>2/7/2023</i> |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i> | <i>10th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/8/2023</i> |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/15/2023</i> |
| <i>Daniel Cahill</i> | <i>10th Essex</i> | <i>2/23/2023</i> |
| <i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i> | <i>32nd Middlesex</i> | <i>2/23/2023</i> |
| <i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i> | <i>2nd Worcester</i> | <i>3/1/2023</i> |
| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i> | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i> | <i>3/2/2023</i> |

HOUSE No. 1080

By Representative Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1080) of John J. Lawn, Jr. and others for legislation to mandate cancer screenings for firefighters through health care benefits plans or programs provided by the public employer. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act mandating access to cancer screenings for firefighters through health care benefits plans or programs provided by the public employer.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 A firefighter employed as a full-time paid employee of a fire department of the State or a
2 City, Town, Fire or Water District, shall be provided a cancer screening examination conducted
3 by a physician not less than three years after the start of the firefighter’s employment as a
4 firefighter and every three years thereafter during the course of the firefighter’s employment.

5 This section shall also apply to members of the Massachusetts military reservation fire
6 department, members of the 104th fighter wing fire department, and members of the Devens fire
7 department established pursuant to chapter 498 of the acts of 1993 and, for the purposes of this
8 section, the Massachusetts Port Authority, the Massachusetts Military Reservation, the Barnes
9 Air National Guard Base and the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone established pursuant to said
10 chapter 498 shall be fire districts.

11 The examination shall include screening for, at a minimum and when applicable, the
12 following cancers:

13 Colon; Lung; Bladder; Oral; Thyroid; Skin; Blood; Breast; Cervical; Testicular; and
14 Prostate.

15 All costs associated with screenings provided under this section shall be borne by the
16 firefighter's health care benefits plan or program provided by the firefighter's employer. No co-
17 payment, deductible, coinsurance, or any out-of-pocket expense shall be required for such
18 examinations.