

SENATE No. 608

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brendan P. Crighton

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:	
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Pavel M. Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>

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By Mr. Crighton, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 608) of Brendan P. Crighton, Vanna Howard, Susannah M. Whipps, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation to mandate access to cancer screenings for firefighters through health care benefits plans or programs provided by the public employer. Financial Services.

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**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 by a
3 physician not less than three years after the start of the firefighter’s employment as a firefighter
4 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: colon; lung; bladder; oral; thyroid; skin; blood; breast; cervical; testicular; and
13 prostate.

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

18 This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.