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H. R. 5212

To amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to make available under the assistance to firefighters grant program the establishment of cancer prevention programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 15, 2023

Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. D’ESPOSITO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Firefighter Invest-
5 ments to Recognize Exposure to Cancer Act of 2023” or
6 the “FIRE Cancer Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. CANCER PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR FIRE-**
2 **FIGHTERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 33 of the Federal Fire
4 Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)(3)—

7 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (F)
8 through (N) as subparagraphs (G) through (O),
9 respectively; and

10 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (E)
11 the following new subparagraph:

12 “(F) To establish cancer prevention pro-
13 grams for firefighting personnel, including pro-
14 viding multi-cancer early detection testing or
15 other forms of preventative tests.”;

16 (2) in subsection (i), by adding at the end the
17 following new paragraph:

18 “(4) MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN CANCER
19 TESTS.—Not more than \$1,750 from available grant
20 funds under subsection (c)(3)(F) may be obligated
21 and expended for each multi-cancer early detection
22 test or other form of preventative test.”;

23 (3) in subsection (q), by adding at the end the
24 following new paragraph:

1 “(4) CANCER PREVENTION PROGRAMS.—There
2 is authorized to be appropriated \$700,000,000 for
3 grants under subsection (c)(3)(F).”;

4 (4) by redesignating subsection (r) as sub-
5 section (s); and

6 (5) by inserting after subsection (q) the fol-
7 lowing new subsection:

8 “(r) CANCER RESEARCH.—The Administrator of
9 FEMA and the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-
10 trol and Prevention shall jointly establish a voluntary pro-
11 gram through which firefighting personnel may share with
12 the Centers results of multi-cancer early detection testing
13 or other forms of preventative tests in order to identify
14 any trends or causes of cancer in such personnel. Any such
15 results shall be shared in an anonymized, de-identified
16 manner that safeguards the personally identifiable infor-
17 mation of such personnel in order to prevent attribution
18 to any such personnel of any such shared results.”.

19 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
20 Paragraph (1) of section 33(i) of the Federal Fire Preven-
21 tion and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229(i)) is
22 amended by striking “described in subsection (c)(3)(F)”
23 and inserting “described in subsection (c)(3)(G)”.

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