

HOUSE No. 2604

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Rita A. Mendes

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 relative to mandatory coverage for certain health screenings for firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Rita A. Mendes</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Paul W. Jacques</i>	<i>Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>3/14/2023</i>

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By Representative Mendes of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2604) of Rita A. Mendes and others relative to mandatory coverage for certain health screenings for firefighters. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2604 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act relative to mandatory coverage for certain health screenings for firefighters.

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

1 Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 101A the following section:-

3 Section 101B. (a) Any permanent, full-time, call, volunteer, intermittent, part-time or
4 reserve firefighter may participate in any bladder, cervical, lung or testicular cancer screening or
5 evaluation upon the referral of such firefighter’s primary care physician.

6 Such screenings or evaluations shall be deemed to be medically necessary for the
7 purposes of coverage by any insurance plan, including but not limited to, any such firefighter
8 insured under chapter 32A, 175, 176A, 176B or 176G or any other general or special law.

9 (b) Screening or evaluation services performed under this section shall be covered by
10 such insurance plan for the cost of the screening or evaluation and shall not be subject to any co-
11 payment, deductible, coinsurance or other cost-sharing requirement.