

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1230**

**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:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/8/2025</i>
<i>William F. MacGregor</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Francisco E. Paulino</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Dennis C. Gallagher</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/24/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/27/2025</i>

<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/27/2025</i>
<i>Mark D. Sylvia</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2025</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2025</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2025</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Sean Reid</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2025</i>
<i>Samantha Montaña</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2025</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2025</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2025</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/20/2025</i>
<i>Priscila S. Sousa</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/20/2025</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2025</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/4/2025</i>
<i>Richard G. Wells, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/4/2025</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>3/5/2025</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>3/5/2025</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/6/2025</i>
<i>Adrienne Pusateri Ramos</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>
<i>Bridget Plouffe</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>
<i>Kenneth P. Swezey</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>
<i>Michelle L. Badger</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>
<i>Kristin E. Kassner</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>4/1/2025</i>
<i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>4/2/2025</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/2/2025</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>
<i>Tara T. Hong</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>

<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>
<i>Thomas W. Moakley</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>4/14/2025</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>5/15/2025</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>6/6/2025</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>6/6/2025</i>
<i>Amy Mah Sangiolo</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/9/2025</i>
<i>John R. Gaskey</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>8/12/2025</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/8/2025</i>
<i>Estela A. Reyes</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>9/18/2025</i>
<i>Ryan M. Hamilton</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>9/18/2025</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1230**

By Representative Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1230) 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1080 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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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.