

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number: H.2918

Title: *An Act relative to mandatory coverage for certain health screenings for firefighters*

Sponsor(s): Rep. Rita A. Mendes (*Brockton*)

Hearing Date: June 2, 2025

Reporting Deadline: August 1, 2025

Prior History:

2023-24 (H.2604): Reported favorably; Referred to Health Care Financing; Ordered to a House Study

2021-22 (H.2604): Reported favorably; Referred to Health Care Financing; Reported favorably; Referred to HWM

Similar Matters: S1792 (Brady-Identical)

CURRENT LAW:

M.G.L. c. 41 – Officers and employees of cities, towns, and districts

SUMMARY:

The bill amends chapter 41 by inserting after section 101A a new section, 101B. Any permanent, full-time, call, volunteer, intermittent, part-time or reserve firefighter may participate in any bladder, cervical, lung or testicular cancer screening or evaluation upon the referral of such firefighter's primary care physician. These screenings will be deemed medically necessary for any insurance to cover, including but not limited to, any firefighter insured under 32A, 175, 176A, 176B or 176G or any other general or special law.