

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 478, *approved January 18, 2022*
Assembly, No. 6093 (*First Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** mandating access to cancer screenings for firefighters
2 ¹**【**through health care benefits plan or program provided by the
3 public employer, and supplementing Title 40A of the New Jersey
4 Statutes.**】** enrolled in the State Health Benefits Program and
5 supplementing P.L.1961, c. 49.¹
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7 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
8 *of New Jersey:*
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10 1. a. A firefighter employed as a full-time paid employee of a
11 fire department or unit of this State or a political subdivision of this
12 State shall be provided a cancer screening examination conducted
13 by a physician not less than three years after the start of the
14 firefighter's employment as a firefighter and every three years
15 thereafter during the course of the firefighter's employment. The
16 examination shall include screening for, at a minimum and when
17 applicable, the following cancers:

- 18 (1) colon;
19 (2) lung;
20 (3) bladder;
21 (4) oral;
22 (5) thyroid;
23 (6) skin;
24 (7) blood;
25 (8) breast;
26 (9) cervical
27 (10) testicular; and
28 (11) prostate.

29 b. ¹**【**All costs associated with screenings provided under this
30 section shall be borne by the firefighter's health care benefits plan
31 or program provided by the firefighter's employer, including a plan
32 or program through the State Health Benefits Program, an insurance
33 fund, joint insurance fund, or in any other manner. No co-payment,
34 deductible, coinsurance, or any out-of-pocket expense shall be
35 required for such examinations.**】** Subsection a. of this section shall
36 apply only to a firefighter enrolled in the State Health Benefits
37 Program as occupational coverage. For the purpose of this section,

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted January 6, 2022.

1 employment as a full-time paid employee of a fire department or
2 unit of this State or a political subdivision of this State shall be a
3 pre-existing condition.¹

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5 2. This act shall take effect ¹~~immediately~~ January 1, 2023.¹

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10 Mandates periodic cancer screening examinations for firefighters
11 enrolled in SHBP.