

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 4201

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 2, 2021

Sponsored by:

Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Senator VIN GOPAL

District 11 (Monmouth)

Co-Sponsored by:

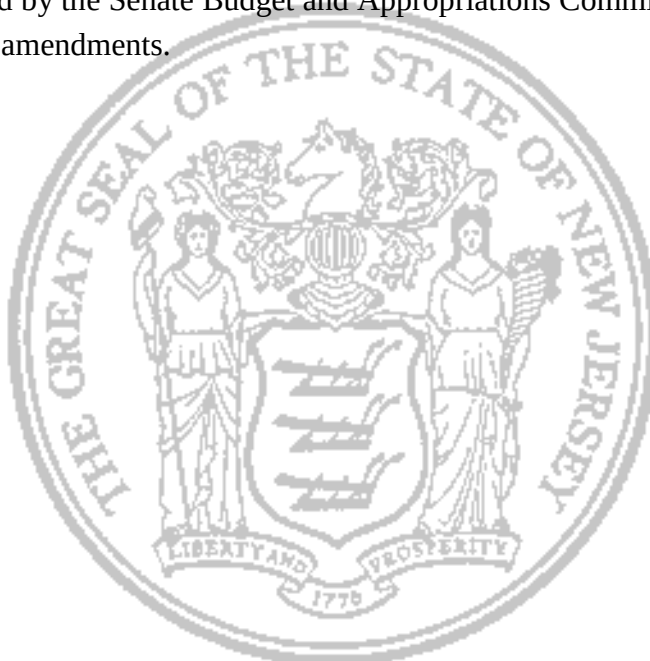
Senator Corrado

SYNOPSIS

Mandates periodic cancer screening examinations for firefighters enrolled in SHBP.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on January 6, 2022, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/2/2021)

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
 6

7 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
 8 of New Jersey:
 9

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,
 38 employment as a full-time paid employee of a fire department or
 39 unit of this State or a political subdivision of this State shall be a
 40 pre-existing condition.¹
 41

42 2. This act shall take effect ¹**【immediately】** January 1, 2023¹.

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:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted January 6, 2022.