



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 141**

LCO No. 126



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
SEN. KASSER, 36th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE  
FOR CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF PAID MUNICIPAL OR  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to make professional and  
2 volunteer firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer, acquired through  
3 their occupational exposure to toxic substances and poisonous gases,  
4 eligible for workers' compensation and other benefits, including death  
5 benefits in the event of their death due to such cancer and to make  
6 cancer a presumptive "line of duty" injury or cause of death, unless the  
7 contrary can be shown by a preponderance of the evidence. To be  
8 eligible, a firefighter shall have served for a minimum of five years, have  
9 been repeatedly exposed to indoor fires, been a nonsmoker and not have  
10 a history of cancer prior to becoming a firefighter.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To protect firefighters' health and secure their benefits in the event that they contract cancer due to their service.