



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **313**

File No. 367

Cal. No. 552

(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY CANCER RELIEF BENEFITS FOR
FIREFIGHTERS."**

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Joint Counsel of
3 Connecticut Fire Services Organization, in consultation with the
4 Connecticut State Firefighters Association, must come up with a joint
5 plan for maintenance and remediation of toxic substances on turnout
6 gear. Such plan shall be submitted to the Commission of Fire Prevention
7 and Control by July 1, 2023. Upon approval of such plan, the
8 commission shall advise fire departments on implementation of the
9 plan.

10 (b) Within ninety days of approval by the commission, each fire
11 department shall adopt a plan for the maintenance and remediation of
12 toxic substances on turnout gear."

13 Strike section 501 of Senate Amendment Schedule "A" in its entirety
14 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

15 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) (a) Each municipality
16 within the state shall annually contribute, not later than December
17 fifteenth of each year, ten dollars per firefighter within such
18 municipality's district to the firefighters cancer relief account
19 established pursuant to section 7-313h of the general statutes.

20 (b) Municipality contributions shall be based on the current number
21 of career and volunteer firefighters within the municipality at the time
22 of contribution.

23 (c) Municipalities shall only contribute funds for firefighters that: (1)
24 Have submitted to annual physical examinations subsequent to entry
25 into such service that have failed to reveal any evidence of such cancer
26 or a propensity for such cancer; (2) have not used any cigarettes, as
27 defined in section 12-285 of the general statutes, or any other tobacco
28 products, as defined in section 12-330a of the general statutes, within
29 fifteen years; (3) have worked for not less than five years as (A) an
30 interior structural firefighter at a paid municipal, state or volunteer fire
31 department, or (B) a local fire marshal, deputy fire marshal, fire
32 investigator, fire inspector or such other class of inspector or
33 investigator for whom the State Fire Marshal and the Codes and
34 Standards Committee, acting jointly, have adopted minimum standards
35 of qualification pursuant to section 29-298 of the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 501	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	New section