



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6369**

LCO No. 2553



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:

REP. LINEHAN, 103rd Dist.

REP. TURCO, 27th Dist.

REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF FIREFIGHTERS.***

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) add a presumption that a
- 2 firefighter's diagnosis of cancer arose out of and in the course of
- 3 employment for purposes of workers' compensation; and (2) create a
- 4 working group consisting of firefighters and members of the UConn
- 5 Health network to research and compile data on the following: (A) Rates
- 6 of breast and endocrine cancers in firefighters within the state compared
- 7 to firefighters in other states, (B) the prevalence of cancers in states that
- 8 ban certain flame retardants compared to Connecticut, (C) develop a
- 9 plan to phase out and ban the use of certain flame retardants, (D)
- 10 determine if certain safeguards or preventative care are recommended
- 11 for the prevention of breast or endocrine cancers, and (E) determine if
- 12 any additional safeguards are recommended for firefighters.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To create a presumption that a firefighter's diagnosis of cancer arose out of and in the course employment and create a working group to study the health of and create preventative measures for firefighters.