

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6644



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by: REP. LINEHAN, 103rd Dist. REP. NAPOLI, 73rd Dist. SEN. MAHER, 26th Dist. REP. SHAKE, 120th Dist. REP. FAZZINO, 83rd Dist.

## AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR FOR FIREFIGHTERS.

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

That chapter 104 of the general statutes be amended to provide that a paid or volunteer firefighter may obtain, as a reasonable accommodation, an additional set of turnout gear that does not contain PFAS, if such firefighter (1) has been diagnosed with cancer or a predisposition for cancer, or (2) is determined by a physician to have an increased risk of developing cancer compared to the average population due to such firefighter's family history or the results of genetic testing.

## Statement of Purpose:

To reduce exposure to carcinogens for firefighters with elevated cancer risk by providing PFAS-free turnout gear beyond the standard number of sets provided.