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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 113, *approved May 10, 2019*
Assembly, No. 4285 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning firefighters and supplementing Title 26 of the
2 Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Firefighter
8 Cancer Registry Act of ¹**[2018]** 2019¹.”

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10 2. a. The Commissioner of Health shall develop and maintain a
11 firefighter cancer registry, which shall be a voluntary registry of
12 firefighters to collect relevant history and occupational information
13 from firefighters that can be linked to available cancer registry data
14 collected by existing State cancer registries.

15 b. The ¹**[Commissioner]** commissioner¹ shall seek to include the
16 following information for each firefighter included in the firefighter
17 cancer registry:

18 (1) the age and demographic information of the firefighter;

19 (2) the status of the firefighter as either a ¹paid or¹ volunteer ¹**[or**
20 a career]¹ firefighter;

21 (3) the number of years working as a firefighter;

22 (4) the number of fire incidents attended to by the firefighter ¹,
23 including the number of incidents involving a residential house fire,
24 the number of incidents involving a commercial fire, and the number
25 of incidents involving any other type of fire¹;

26 (5) whether the firefighter’s history includes smoking or drug use;

27 (6) relevant physical examination and medical history information;
28 and

29 (7) any additional information that is deemed necessary by the
30 ¹**[Commissioner]** commissioner¹.

31 c. For the purpose of developing and maintaining the firefighter
32 registry established pursuant to this section, the ¹**[Commissioner]**
33 commissioner¹ shall consult experts with experience in developing and
34 maintaining cancer registries, studying cancer incidence, diagnosing
35 and treating cancer, and firefighting.

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 SHH committee amendments adopted January 17, 2019.

1 3. ¹~~【The Commissioner of Health shall】~~ a. The Department of
2 Health shall review data reported to the registry to identify trends in
3 cancer incidence among firefighters throughout the State, including
4 identifying any regional disparities in cancer incidence and developing
5 strategies to mitigate risk factors for firefighters developing cancer.
6 The department shall make registry data available to the public and
7 shall furnish epidemiological registry data, without fee, to any entity
8 requesting the data for research purposes. The department may
9 authorize the use of registry information in journal articles and other
10 print and Internet-based publications. Data made available pursuant to
11 this section shall include, but shall not be limited to, raw, de-identified
12 data, cancer incidence statistics, and trends and other findings
13 identified based on the department’s review of registry data.

14 b. The commissioner shall periodically review the cancer registry
15 to identify and implement improvements to registry infrastructure and
16 Statewide monitoring of cancer incidence data, as well as to¹ develop
17 a strategy for increasing awareness of the firefighter cancer registry
18 and maximizing ¹【participation in sending】 the voluntary reporting
19 of¹ information to the registry.

20 ¹c. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the
21 disclosure of any confidential or personal identifying information.¹
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23 4. ¹~~【The Commissioner of Health】~~ Commencing one year after
24 the effective date of this act, and annually thereafter, the department¹
25 shall ¹submit a¹ report ¹【any findings made pursuant to this act】¹ to
26 the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
27 19.1), to the Legislature ¹, concerning its findings regarding trends in
28 cancer incidence among firefighters in New Jersey, including any
29 recommendations for reducing the cancer rate and risk factors for
30 developing cancer among firefighters, and any recommendations for
31 legislative, administrative, or other action as may be appropriate to
32 reduce cancer incidence among firefighters or to improve the
33 functioning of, and participation in, the cancer registry¹.
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35 ¹~~【5. The Commissioner of Health shall develop and make public~~
36 a process for making data collected through the firefighter cancer
37 registry available without a fee for research while maintaining the
38 privacy standards adopted pursuant to section 6 of this act.】¹
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40 ¹~~【6.】~~ 5.¹ Names and individual identification data collected
41 pursuant to the provisions of this act shall not be disclosed ¹【by the
42 Commissioner of Health】¹ unless required by law, and nothing in this
43 act shall be construed to require disclosure of any private or
44 confidential health information in violation of State or federal privacy
45 laws. ¹Information reported to the registry shall not be admissible in
46 any civil or criminal proceeding, and shall not constitute the basis for

1 any professional or administrative disciplinary action against an
2 individual reporting the individual's own information to the registry.¹

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4 ¹**[7.]** 6.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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9 Requires Commissioner of Health to develop voluntary registry
10 to collect cancer incidence data from firefighters.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4285

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 27, 2018

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman YVONNE LOPEZ

District 19 (Middlesex)

Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO

District 20 (Union)

Assemblyman JOHN ARMATO

District 2 (Atlantic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman DeAngelo, Assemblywoman Schepisi, Assemblyman Conaway, Assemblywomen Jimenez, Pinkin, Assemblymen Wirths, Space, Assemblywomen DiMaso, McKnight and Assemblyman Danielsen

SYNOPSIS

Requires Commissioner of Health to develop voluntary registry to collect cancer incidence data from firefighters.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/18/2018)

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11 a firefighter cancer registry, which shall be a voluntary registry of
12 firefighters to collect relevant history and occupational information
13 from firefighters that can be linked to available cancer registry data
14 collected by existing State cancer registries.

15 b. The Commissioner shall seek to include the following
16 information for each firefighter included in the firefighter cancer
17 registry:

18 (1) the age and demographic information of the firefighter;

19 (2) the status of the firefighter as either a volunteer or a career
20 firefighter;

21 (3) the number of years working as a firefighter;

22 (4) the number of fire incidents attended to by the firefighter;

23 (5) whether the firefighter’s history includes smoking or drug
24 use;

25 (6) relevant physical examination and medical history
26 information; and

27 (7) any additional information that is deemed necessary by the
28 Commissioner.

29 c. For the purpose of developing and maintaining the
30 firefighter registry established pursuant to this section, the
31 Commissioner shall consult experts with experience in developing
32 and maintaining cancer registries, studying cancer incidence,
33 diagnosing and treating cancer, and firefighting.

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35 3. The Commissioner of Health shall develop a strategy for
36 increasing awareness of the firefighter cancer registry and
37 maximizing participation in sending information to the registry.

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39 4. The Commissioner of Health shall report any findings made
40 pursuant to this act to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of
41 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature.

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43 5. The Commissioner of Health shall develop and make public
44 a process for making data collected through the firefighter cancer
45 registry available without a fee for research while maintaining the
46 privacy standards adopted pursuant to section 6 of this act.

1 6. Names and individual identification data collected pursuant
2 to the provisions of this act shall not be disclosed by the
3 Commissioner of Health unless required by law, and nothing in this
4 act shall be construed to require disclosure of any private or
5 confidential health information in violation of State or federal
6 privacy laws.

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8 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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13 This bill establishes the “Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of
14 2018.”

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16 develop and maintain a firefighter cancer registry, which is to be a
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36 confidentiality of individual identifying and health information.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4285

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2018

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4285.

This bill establishes the “Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018.”

Under the bill, the Commissioner of Health (commissioner) is to develop and maintain a firefighter cancer registry, which is to be a voluntary registry of firefighters to collect relevant history and occupational information from firefighters that can be linked to available cancer registry data collected by existing State cancer registries.

The commissioner is to seek to include the following information for each firefighter included in the firefighter cancer registry: (1) age and demographic information of the firefighter; (2) the status of the firefighter as either volunteer or career firefighter; (3) the number of years working as a firefighter; (4) the number of fire incidents attended to by the firefighter; (5) whether the firefighter’s history includes smoking or drug use; (6) relevant physical examination and medical history information; and (7) any additional information that is deemed necessary by the commissioner.

The bill provides that the commissioner is to develop a strategy for increasing awareness of the firefighter cancer registry and maximizing participation in sending information to the registry. The commissioner is to also develop and make public a process for making data available collected through the firefighter cancer registry without a fee for research while maintaining the confidentiality of individual identifying and health information.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 4285

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 17, 2019

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4285.

This bill establishes the “Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2019.”

Under the bill as amended, the Commissioner of Health is to develop and maintain a firefighter cancer registry, which will be a voluntary registry of firefighters established to collect relevant history and occupational information that can be linked to available cancer registry data collected by existing State cancer registries.

The amended bill would require the commissioner to seek to include the following information for each firefighter included in the firefighter cancer registry: (1) age and demographic information; (2) the status of the firefighter as either a paid or volunteer firefighter; (3) the number of years working as a firefighter; (4) the number of fire incidents attended to by the firefighter, including the number of incidents involving residential, commercial, and other types of fires; (5) whether the firefighter’s history includes smoking or drug use; (6) relevant physical examination and medical history information; and (7) any additional information that is deemed necessary by the commissioner.

In developing the registry, the commissioner would be required to consult with experts in developing and maintaining cancer registries, studying cancer incidence, diagnosing and treating cancer, and firefighting.

As amended, the bill requires the Department of Health to review registry data to identify trends in cancer incidence among firefighters throughout the State, including identifying regional disparities and risk factors for firefighters developing cancer. Registry data would be made available to the public, and the department would be required to make epidemiological data included in the registry available, without fee, for research purposes. The department may additionally approve the use of registry data in journal articles and other publications.

As amended, the bill requires the commissioner to periodically review the cancer registry to identify potential improvements and to

develop a strategy to increase awareness of, and participation in, the registry.

As amended, the bill requires the department to transmit an annual report to the Governor and to the Legislature concerning its findings regarding trends in cancer incidence among firefighters, including recommendations for administrative, legislative, or other action to reduce cancer incidence among firefighters or improve the functioning of, and participation in, the registry.

As amended, the bill provides that personal identifying information and private or confidential health information included in the registry may not be disclosed unless otherwise required by law. Additionally, information reported to the registry would not be admissible in any civil or criminal proceeding and would not constitute the basis for any professional or administrative disciplinary action against an individual reporting the individual's own information to the registry.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4285 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3313 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments update the name of the bill to read the "Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2019."

The committee amendments add language requesting firefighters to report information concerning the particular types of fires they responded to, including residential and commercial fires.

The committee amendments add language requiring the Department of Health to review registry data to identify trends in cancer incidence among firefighters and to provide that access to registry data includes making the data available to the public, as well as for research purposes for use in journal articles and other publications. The amendments additionally describe the various types of data that may be made available.

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The committee amendments make various technical revisions throughout the draft to update certain terminology and make corrections involving the use of capitalization.

SENATE, No. 3313

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 15, 2019

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

Senator TROY SINGLETON

District 7 (Burlington)

SYNOPSIS

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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 3313

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 17, 2019

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Newark, N.J.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

05/10/2019

TRENTON – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills and resolutions into law:

A2810 (Greenwald, Murphy/Pou) - Requires active supervision of certain professional and occupational licensing boards.

A4285 (Lopez, Quijano, Armato/Vitale, Singleton) - Requires Commissioner of Health to develop voluntary registry to collect cancer incidence data from firefighters.

A4416 (Swain, Karabinchak, Timberlake/Kean, Greenstein) - Prohibits sale or distribution of products containing asbestos.

A4500 (Verrelli, Mejia, Speight/Ruiz, Greenstein) - Directs NJ State Council on Arts to create and disseminate best practices guide for at-risk youth arts programs; requires council to assist government entities creating programs that adopt best practices.

A4578 (Land, Andrzejczak, McKeon/Smith, Greenstein) - Makes supplemental appropriation of \$50 million from General Fund to DEP and adds language provisions concerning use of certain environmental settlement monies for natural resource restoration projects.

A4612 (Jimenez, Mejia, Giblin/Cryan) - Codifies State-specific exam requirement for land surveyor license.

A4799 (Lopez, Coughlin, Benson/Vitale, Ruiz) - Permits self-administration of hydrocortisone sodium succinate by students for adrenal insufficiency and requires that school districts and nonpublic schools establish policy for emergency administration of medication.

A5034 (Pinkin/Smith) - Authorizes sale and conveyance of certain State-owned real property in Stafford Township, Ocean County to US Fish and Wildlife Service.

S52 (Singleton, Gill/Caputo, Webber, Murphy) - Requires disclosure of breach of security of online account.

S455 (Addiego, Singleton/Murphy, Dancer, Rooney) - Requires disclosure of identifying information prior to sale of horse at auction.

S515 (Kean, Sarlo/Munoz, Johnson, Bucco) - Exempts sales of certain materials used in industrial sand casting processes from sales and use tax.

S542 (Oroho, Singleton/Tucker, Wirths, Space) - Designates High Point State Park as High Point State Park and New Jersey Veterans Memorial.

S604 (Smith/Pinkin) - Provides that electric power supplier license issued by BPU may be renewed without expiring if certain conditions are met.

S605 (Smith/Pinkin, McKeon) - Provides that natural gas supplier license issued by BPU may be renewed without expiring if certain conditions are met.

S875 (Sweeney, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Munoz, Murphy) - Establishes the "Sexual Assault Victim's Bill of Rights."

S1729 (Thompson, Quijano/Jones, Barclay) - Designates *Streptomyces griseus* as New Jersey State Microbe.

S2676 (Bucco, Lagana/Schaer, Calabrese, Tully) - Requires boards of education and nonpublic schools to provide law enforcement authorities with copies of blueprints and maps of schools and school grounds.

S2707 (Ruiz, Madden/Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Armato) - Establishes task force within DOE on prevention of sexual abuse of children.

S2709 (Ruiz, Madden/Mukherji, Lampitt, Chiaravalloti, Vainieri Huttle, Armato) - Provides that certain persons who commit act of sexual penetration or sexual contact with students who are at least 18 but less than 22 years old are guilty of sexual assault or criminal sexual assault.

S2711 (Ruiz, Madden/Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Jones) - Mandates child abuse and sexual abuse training for all candidates for teaching certification.

S2720 (Diegnan, Scutari/Johnson, Quijano, Murphy) - Requires autocycles to be insured by PIP coverage to pedestrians.

SJR101 (Gopal/Pintor Marin, Houghtaling, Downey) - Designates March 15 of each year as Peter Francisco Day in New Jersey.

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