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Proposed Firefighter Cancer Screening Program

Sec. 15. DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY; FIRE DEPARTMENTS;
SUBSIDY FOR ANNUAL CANCER SCREENING

(a) The amount of \$1,000,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Fire Safety in fiscal year 2025 to subsidize the cost of providing cancer screening to Vermont professional and volunteer firefighters, as well as all enrollees in the Vermont Fire Academy Firefighter I program.

(b)(1) Cancer screening subsidized pursuant to this section shall consist of:

(A) a multi-cancer early detection blood test;

(B) an ultrasound of vital organs, including abdominal aorta, thyroid, liver, gallbladder, spleen, bladder, kidney, testicles for males, and exterior pelvis for females; and

(C) any additional screening that the Executive Director determines to be appropriate.

(2) The Executive Director shall determine the specific types of screening tests to subsidize pursuant to the provision of this section in consultation with appropriate licensed medical professionals.

(c) The Executive Director may utilize the funds appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to:

- 1 (1) provide grants to fire departments to subsidize the cost of cancer
- 2 screening; or
- 3 (2) contract directly with one or more entities to provide cancer
- 4 screening to fire departments at a discounted rate; or
- 5 (3) both.