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House Bill 5570

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §15A-10-26, related to providing cancer prevention programs for firefighters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 10. FIRE MARSHAL.

§15A-10-26. Cancer prevention programs for firefighters.

(a) During the annual periodic health assessment of each firefighter, the state shall provide, at no cost, to the firefighter appropriate medical testing and related services to detect, document the presence or absence of, and prevent, certain cancers using available multi-cancer early detection testing.

(b) The state shall jointly establish a voluntary program through which firefighting personnel may share with the Department of Human Services the results of multi-cancer early detection testing or other forms of preventative tests in order to identify any trends or causes of cancer in such personnel. Any such results shall be shared in an anonymized, de-identified manner that safeguards the personally identifiable information of such personnel in order to prevent attribution to any such personnel of any such shared results.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish cancer prevention programs for firefighting personnel, including providing multi-cancer early detection testing or other forms of preventative tests.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.