Chapter 782

(Senate Bill 578)

AN ACT concerning

Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program – Funding

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include a certain amount in the annual budget for the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program; and generally relating to the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General Section 13–4001 Annotated Code of Maryland (2023 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General Section 13–4006 Annotated Code of Maryland (2023 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

13-4001.

In this subtitle, "Program" means the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program.

13-4006.

- (a) **(1)** For fiscal [year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter] **YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2024**, the Governor shall include at least \$100,000 in the annual budget for the Program.
- (2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE AT LEAST \$500,000 IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAM.

(b) Appropriations and expenditures made for the purpose of implementing the Program, including the use of any funds received by a person under any component of the Program, are subject to audit by the Office of Legislative Audits as provided in § 2–1220 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July $1,\,2024.$

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2024.