

# SENATE BILL 849

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By: **Senator Guzzone**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening**  
3 **Technologies Program – Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the amount the Governor is authorized to include in the annual  
5 budget for the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening  
6 Technologies Program; authorizing the Secretary to use up to a certain percentage  
7 of Program funds to support academic medical centers for certain purposes; and  
8 generally relating to the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer  
9 Screening Technologies Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Health – General  
12 Section 13–4001  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Health – General  
17 Section 13–4006  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Health – General**

23 13–4001.

24 In this subtitle, “Program” means the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter  
25 Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 13-4006.

2 (a) (1) For fiscal years 2021 through 2024, the Governor shall include at least  
3 \$100,000 in the annual budget for the Program.

4 (2) For fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor may  
5 include at least [~~\$500,000~~] **\$3,000,000** in the annual budget for the Program.

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

10 (c) **THE SECRETARY MAY USE UP TO 20% OF PROGRAM FUNDS TO SUPPORT**  
11 **ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS IN THE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS, AND PROCESSING OF**  
12 **PROGRAM OUTCOME DATA FOR THE PURPOSES OF ASSESSING, MAXIMIZING, AND**  
13 **IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND CLINICAL UTILITY OF THE CANCER**  
14 **SCREENING FUNDED BY THE PROGRAM.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
16 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2030,  
17 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
18 of no further force and effect.