

MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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HB 459: Health Insurance – Cancer Screening for Professional Firefighters – Required Coverage

(James “Jimmy” Malone Act)

My name is Chief Robert Phillips, and I am the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland State Firefighters Association (MSFA)

I wish to present testimony in support of **House Bill 459: Health Insurance – Cancer Screening for Professional Firefighters – Required Coverage (James “Jimmy” Malone Act)**

The MSFA is in full support of this bill. The person who this bill is named for was a career firefighter with Baltimore County and a 20 year member of the Maryland House of Delegates. Jimmy spent his retirement time working for the fire service to make it a healthier and safer career. His final years were spent fighting a cancer that may have been caused by his time in the fire service. Due to the late diagnoses his chances of survival were lowered. This bill would have allowed for earlier testing and possibility a better outcome for him. The passing of this bill into law will have a ever-lasting positive effect for our firefighting first responders.

The MSFA asks that you return a FAVORABLE vote on HB 459

Thank you and I would be glad to answer any questions you might have

Respectfully:

Robert Phillips

