

# MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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## **Legislative Committee**

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## **HB 830: Health Insurance – Genetic Testing and Cancer Imaging – Required Coverage 2 and Prohibited Cost–Sharing**

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

I wish to present testimony in support of **House Bill 830: Health Insurance – Genetic Testing and Cancer Imaging – Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost–Sharing**

The MSFA is in support of this bill. This bill provides for genetic screening to determine if a person could have a higher possibility of developing cancer due to an inherited mutation associated with an increased risk of cancer. This screening and further screenings will be at no cost to the person by way of deductible or co-pay. With the total cost being covered by the insurance company more people may be inclined to take advantage of this type of testing if needed.

With cancer becoming a leading cause of health debilitation issues this is a step forward. Early detection allows for a better chance of overcoming the cancer, better quality of life afterward and lower health cost.

The MSFA asks that you return a FAVORABLE vote on HB 830

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

Respectfully:

*Robert Phillips*

