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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 4/13/2023 Senate Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** (Senate Journal‑page 4)

 3/19/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Labor, Commerce and Industry** (Senate Journal‑page 7)

 3/21/2024 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal‑page 26)

 3/21/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 26)

 3/21/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 26)

 3/26/2024 Senate Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal‑page 26)

 3/28/2024 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 13)

 3/28/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** (House Journal‑page 13)

 4/24/2024 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Labor, Commerce and Industry** (House Journal‑page 2)

 5/1/2024 House Debate adjourned until Thur., 5-2-24 (House Journal‑page 116)

 5/2/2024 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 5-7-24 (House Journal‑page 15)

 5/7/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 16)

 5/7/2024 House Roll call Yeas-103 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 102)

 5/8/2024 House Read third time and enrolled (House Journal‑page 297)

 5/15/2024 Ratified R 189

 5/20/2024 Signed By Governor

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(A163, R189, S728)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23‑9‑197, RELATING TO THE “FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN”, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF “FIREFIGHTER” SHALL INCLUDE NONRESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO WORK IN THE STATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PLAN PROVIDES A SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE POLICY UPON A FIREFIGHTER BEING DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2021.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Definitions

SECTION 1. Section 23‑9‑197(A)(3) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (3) “Firefighter” means any person, paid or unpaid, who engages in rescue, fire suppression, or related activities, under the supervision of a fire chief or fire department in this State or who is employed by the State Commission of Forestry, South Carolina State Fire, or a forestry district for the purpose of fire protection.

Firefighter Cancer Health Care Benefit Plan

SECTION 2. Section 23‑9‑197(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (B) There is established the “Firefighter Cancer Health Care Benefit Plan” to provide a supplemental insurance policy upon a firefighter being diagnosed with cancer on or after July 1, 2021. The plan shall provide benefits to a firefighter only if the firefighter has served in a South Carolina fire department for at least five continuous years and been in active service within ten years of the diagnosis.

Time effective

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 15th day of May, 2024.

Approved the 20th day of May, 2024.

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