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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 4680	Introduced on January 9, 2024
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Subject:	Firefighter	
Requestor:	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill amends the definition of firefighter, as it relates to the Firefighter Cancer Health Care Benefit Plan, to include a nonresident who resides in a contiguous state who engages in rescue, fire suppression, or related activities in this state. The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) reports that the current General Fund appropriation for the Firefighter Cancer Health Care Benefit Plan insurance policy is adequate to cover the potential premium increases on the policy. Additionally, LLR and the State Division of Procurement anticipate that the insurance policy will not need to be resolicited. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact to the Office of State Fire Marshal, which is under the administration of LLR, or to the General Fund.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill amends the definition of firefighter, as it relates to the Firefighter Cancer Health Care Benefit Plan, to include a nonresident who resides in a contiguous state who engages in rescue, fire suppression, or related activities in this state.

Assuming that coverage for nonresident firefighters is retroactive to the effective date of the current statute and insurance policy, July 1, 2021, LLR reports that the current General Fund appropriation for the Firefighter Cancer Health Care Benefit Plan insurance policy, which is administered by LLR's Office of State Fire Marshal, is adequate to cover the potential premium increases on the policy. The amount appropriated for the insurance policy in the FY 2023-24 Appropriations Act is \$3,500,000. Additionally, LLR and the State Division of Procurement anticipate that the insurance policy will not need to be resolicited. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact to LLR, to the Office of State Fire Marshal, or to the General Fund.

Further, for reference, LLR reports that the bill will apply to ninety active and fifty-four retired out-of-state firefighters. The department does not anticipate that the bill will apply to firefighters employed by fire departments in adjacent states since the bill amends the definition of firefighter but not the definition of fire department, which specifies that the organization is "located and

based in this State.” If the intent of the bill is to include firefighters employed by fire departments in adjacent states, LLR will update its response to this impact statement.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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