

119TH CONGRESS  
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Federal Firefighter  
5       Cancer Detection and Prevention Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICAL TESTING AND RELATED SERVICES FOR**  
2 **FIREFIGHTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
3 **FENSE.**

4 (a) PROVISION OF SERVICES.—During the annual  
5 periodic health assessment of each firefighter of the De-  
6 partment of Defense, or at such other intervals as may  
7 be indicated in subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense  
8 shall provide to the firefighter (at no cost to the fire-  
9 fighter) appropriate medical testing and related services  
10 to detect, document the presence or absence of, and pre-  
11 vent, certain cancers.

12 (b) CRITERIA.—Services required to be provided  
13 under subsection (a) shall meet, at a minimum, the fol-  
14 lowing criteria:

15 (1) BREAST CANCER.—With respect to breast  
16 cancer screening, if the firefighter is a female fire-  
17 fighter—

18 (A) such services shall include the provi-  
19 sion of a mammogram to the firefighter—

20 (i) if the firefighter is 40 years old to  
21 49 years old (inclusive), not less frequently  
22 than twice each year;

23 (ii) if the firefighter is 50 years old or  
24 older, not less frequently than annually;  
25 and

1 (iii) as clinically indicated (without re-  
2 gard to age); and

3 (B) in connection with the provision of a  
4 mammogram under subparagraph (A), a li-  
5 censed radiologist shall review the most recent  
6 mammogram provided to the firefighter, as  
7 compared to prior mammograms so provided,  
8 and provide to the firefighter the results of such  
9 review.

10 (2) COLON CANCER.—With respect to colon  
11 cancer screening—

12 (A) if the firefighter is 40 years old or  
13 older, or as clinically indicated without regard  
14 to age, such services shall include the commu-  
15 nication to the firefighter of the risks and bene-  
16 fits of stool-based blood testing;

17 (B) if the firefighter is 45 years old or  
18 older, or as clinically indicated without regard  
19 to age, such services shall include the provision,  
20 at regular intervals, of visual examinations  
21 (such as a colonoscopy, CT colonoscopy, or  
22 flexible sigmoidoscopy) or stool-based blood  
23 testing; and

24 (C) in connection with the provision of a  
25 visual examination or stool-based blood testing

1 under subparagraph (B), a licensed physician  
2 shall review and provide to the firefighter the  
3 results of such examination or testing, as the  
4 case may be.

5 (3) PROSTATE CANCER.—With respect to pros-  
6 tate cancer screening, if the firefighter is a male  
7 firefighter, such services shall include the commu-  
8 nication to the firefighter of the risks and benefits  
9 of prostate cancer screenings and the provision to  
10 the firefighter of a prostate-specific antigen test—

11 (A) not less frequently than annually if the  
12 firefighter—

13 (i) is 50 years old or older; or

14 (ii) is 40 years old or older and is a  
15 high-risk individual; and

16 (B) as clinically indicated (without regard  
17 to age).

18 (4) OTHER CANCERS.—Such services shall in-  
19 clude routine screenings for any other cancer the  
20 risk or occurrence of which the Director of the Cen-  
21 ters for Disease Control and Prevention has identi-  
22 fied as higher among firefighters than among the  
23 general public, the provision of which shall be car-  
24 ried out during the annual periodic health assess-  
25 ment of the firefighter.

1 (c) OPTIONAL NATURE.—A firefighter of the Depart-  
2 ment of Defense may opt out of the receipt of medical  
3 testing or a related service provided under subsection (a).

4 (d) USE OF CONSENSUS TECHNICAL STANDARDS.—  
5 In providing medical testing and related services under  
6 subsection (a), the Secretary shall use consensus technical  
7 standards in accordance with section 12(d) of the National  
8 Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Pub-  
9 lic Law 104–113; 15 U.S.C. 272 note).

10 (e) DOCUMENTATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—In providing medical testing  
12 and related services under subsection (a), the Sec-  
13 retary—

14 (A) shall document the acceptance rates of  
15 such tests offered and the rates of such tests  
16 performed;

17 (B) shall document test results to identify  
18 trends in the rates of cancer occurrences among  
19 firefighters; and

20 (C) may collect and maintain additional in-  
21 formation from the recipients of such tests and  
22 other services to allow for appropriate scientific  
23 analysis.

24 (2) PRIVACY.—In analyzing any information of  
25 an individual documented, collected, or maintained

1 under paragraph (1), in addition to complying with  
2 other applicable privacy laws, the Secretary shall en-  
3 sure the name and any other personally identifiable  
4 information of the individual is removed from such  
5 information prior to the analysis.

6 (3) SHARING WITH CENTERS FOR DISEASE  
7 CONTROL AND PREVENTION.—The Secretary may  
8 share data from any tests performed under sub-  
9 section (a) with the Director of the Centers for Dis-  
10 ease Control and Prevention, as appropriate, to in-  
11 crease the knowledge and understanding of cancer  
12 occurrences among firefighters.

13 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) FIREFIGHTER.—The term “firefighter”  
15 means someone whose primary job or military occu-  
16 pational specialty is being a firefighter.

17 (2) HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUAL.—The term “high-  
18 risk individual” means an individual who—

19 (A) is African American;

20 (B) has at least one first-degree relative  
21 who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer at  
22 an early age; or

23 (C) is otherwise determined by the Sec-  
24 retary to be high risk with respect to prostate  
25 cancer.