

REFERENCE TITLE: firefighter cancer registry

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## **HB 2917**

Introduced by  
Representative Marshall

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 36-133.01; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 1, article 2, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-133.01, to read:

4 36-133.01. Firefighter cancer registry; use of information  
5 collected; reporting requirements;  
6 confidentiality; definition

7 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A FIREFIGHTER  
8 CANCER REGISTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING, MAINTAINING AND ANALYZING  
9 DATA REGARDING THE INCIDENCE OF CANCER AMONG FIREFIGHTERS IN THIS STATE.  
10 THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER REGISTRY SHALL BE ADMINISTERED IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
11 ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY LAWS,  
12 INCLUDING THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996.

13 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE  
14 FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH FIREFIGHTER INCLUDED IN THE FIREFIGHTER  
15 CANCER REGISTRY:

- 16 1. THE FIREFIGHTER'S AGE AT THE TIME OF THE CANCER DIAGNOSIS.
- 17 2. THE FIREFIGHTER'S GENDER.
- 18 3. THE TYPE OF CANCER DIAGNOSED.
- 19 4. THE DATE OF DIAGNOSIS.
- 20 5. THE STAGE OF CANCER AT DIAGNOSIS, IF AVAILABLE.
- 21 6. THE FIREFIGHTER'S LENGTH OF SERVICE AS A FIREFIGHTER.
- 22 7. THE FIREFIGHTER'S CURRENT AND PRIOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS, FIRE  
23 DISTRICTS OR DUTY STATIONS.
- 24 8. THE FIREFIGHTER'S JOB CLASSIFICATION OR PRIMARY DUTIES.
- 25 9. EXPOSURE-RELATED INFORMATION, IF AVAILABLE, INCLUDING THE  
26 DURATION AND TYPE OF OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE.
- 27 10. WHETHER THE FIREFIGHTER IS ACTIVE, RETIRED OR DECEASED AT THE  
28 TIME OF REPORTING.
- 29 11. ANY OTHER DATA ELEMENTS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES ARE NECESSARY  
30 TO FULFILL THE PURPOSES OF THE REGISTRY.

31 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER REGISTRY, THE  
32 DEPARTMENT MAY COLLECT INFORMATION FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SOURCES:

- 33 1. FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND FIRE DISTRICTS.
- 34 2. HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.
- 35 3. THE ARIZONA CANCER REGISTRY OR OTHER EXISTING CANCER  
36 SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS.
- 37 4. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURERS OR ADMINISTRATORS.
- 38 5. FIREFIGHTERS OR A FIREFIGHTER'S AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE, ON A  
39 VOLUNTARY BASIS.

40 D. A FIREFIGHTER WHO IS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER WHILE EMPLOYED AS A  
41 FIREFIGHTER IN THIS STATE OR AFTER SEPARATION FROM SERVICE IS REQUIRED TO  
42 PARTICIPATE IN THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER REGISTRY TO THE EXTENT THE DIAGNOSIS  
43 IS KNOWN TO A PERSON OR ENTITY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION.  
44 A FIREFIGHTER IS NOT REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY SUBMIT MEDICAL INFORMATION IF

1 THE INFORMATION IS OTHERWISE COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS  
2 SECTION.

3 E. HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, FIRE DEPARTMENTS  
4 AND FIRE DISTRICTS THAT OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING A FIREFIGHTER'S  
5 CANCER DIAGNOSIS SHALL REPORT THE INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT IN THE  
6 MANNER AND FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT. FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND FIRE  
7 DISTRICTS SHALL PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT AND SERVICE-RELATED INFORMATION AS  
8 PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION THAT IS REQUESTED BY THE  
9 DEPARTMENT.

10 F. ALL PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS  
11 SECTION IS CONFIDENTIAL AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC INSPECTION OR  
12 DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO TITLE 39, CHAPTER 1.

13 G. THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE AGGREGATED AND DE-IDENTIFIED DATA FROM  
14 THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER REGISTRY FOR:

- 15 1. PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH.
- 16 2. STATISTICAL ANALYSIS.
- 17 3. REPORTS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE.
- 18 4. THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANCER PREVENTION STRATEGIES AND OCCUPATIONAL  
19 EXPOSURE-REDUCTION POLICIES.

20 H. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER REGISTRY MAY NOT  
21 BE USED TO DETERMINE AN INDIVIDUAL FIREFIGHTER'S ELIGIBILITY FOR WORKERS'  
22 COMPENSATION BENEFITS, RETIREMENT BENEFITS OR INSURANCE COVERAGE.

23 I. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THE  
24 DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF  
25 THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND SHALL  
26 SUBMIT A COPY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SUMMARIZING AGGREGATED DATA AND  
27 TRENDS IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER REGISTRY. THE REPORT  
28 SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

- 29 1. THE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRY.
- 30 2. THE TYPES AND PREVALENCE OF CANCERS REPORTED.
- 31 3. TRENDS RELATED TO AGE AND YEARS OF SERVICE.
- 32 4. GEOGRAPHIC OR DEPARTMENTAL PATTERNS, IF IDENTIFIABLE.
- 33 5. ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

34 J. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "FIREFIGHTER" MEANS AN  
35 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EMPLOYED BY OR WHO SERVES ON A FULL-TIME, PART-TIME,  
36 VOLUNTEER, PAID-ON-CALL OR RESERVE BASIS WITH A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FIRE  
37 DEPARTMENT OR FIRE DISTRICT AND WHO IS ENGAGED IN FIRE SUPPRESSION,  
38 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE, RESCUE SERVICES  
39 OR RELATED DUTIES.