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Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022

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Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 14, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 28, 2021
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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 19, 2022
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Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 24, 2022
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		May 24, 2022
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		May 24, 2022
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		May 24, 2022
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 24, 2022
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 9, 2022
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 9, 2022
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 14, 2022
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 14, 2022
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Aug 2, 2022
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Aug 2, 2022
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Sep 21, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 13, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2499	Identical bill	May 12, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022

This bill provides federal workers' compensation to firefighters who contract certain illnesses as a result of their service.

Specifically, the bill provides that heart disease, lung disease, and specified cancers of federal employees employed in fire protection activities for at least 5 years are presumed to be proximately caused by such employment if the employee is diagnosed with the disease within 10 years of employment. The Department of Labor must periodically review the bill's listed diseases and conditions and make appropriate additions.

An *employee in fire protection activities* is a firefighter, paramedic, emergency medical technician, rescue worker, ambulance personnel, or hazardous material worker, who (1) is trained in fire suppression; (2) has the legal authority and responsibility to engage in fire suppression; (3) is engaged in the prevention, control, and extinguishment of fires or response to emergency situations where life, property, or the environment is at risk; and (4) performs such activities as a primary responsibility.

Additionally, the Department of Interior and the Department of Agriculture must jointly study the long-term health effects experienced by federal wildland firefighters who are eligible for workers' compensation. The bill also requires Labor to revise regulations so as to allow at least 60 days (rather than at least 30 days) for a claimant to submit any additional evidence that is requested by the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs to support a federal workers' compensation claim.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 13, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 117-146.
- **Sep 13, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 485.
- **May 25, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.