

HR 2499

Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022

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Chamber: House

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Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Jun 23, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jun 23, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 24, 2021
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Jun 24, 2021
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Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jul 16, 2021
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Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Jul 21, 2021
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Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2021

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Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jan 3, 2022
Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Jan 10, 2022
Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Feb 15, 2022
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Feb 15, 2022
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 15, 2022
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 15, 2022
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Feb 15, 2022
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2022
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Feb 28, 2022
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 28, 2022
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2022
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Feb 28, 2022
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2022
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Mar 2, 2022
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2022
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Mar 7, 2022

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Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Mar 8, 2022
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Mar 9, 2022
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Mar 11, 2022
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Mar 11, 2022
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Brown, Shontel M. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Apr 4, 2022
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Apr 4, 2022
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Apr 4, 2022
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Apr 11, 2022

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Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Apr 21, 2022
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		May 3, 2022
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		May 6, 2022
Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		May 6, 2022
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		May 6, 2022
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		May 6, 2022
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		May 6, 2022
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		May 6, 2022
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		May 6, 2022
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		May 6, 2022
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		May 6, 2022
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		May 6, 2022
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		May 6, 2022
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		May 6, 2022
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39]	R · CA		May 6, 2022
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		May 6, 2022
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		May 6, 2022
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		May 6, 2022
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		May 6, 2022
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		May 6, 2022
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		May 6, 2022
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		May 6, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Reported By	May 6, 2022
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 12, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1116	Identical bill	Sep 13, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 485.
117 HRES 1097	Procedurally related	May 10, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of May 11, 2022)

Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022

This bill makes it easier for federally employed firefighters who contract certain illnesses to qualify for federal workers' compensation.

Specifically, the bill provides that chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, mesothelioma, and specified other cancers of those employed in fire protection activities for at least five years are presumed to be proximately caused by such employment for purposes of a disability or death claim under the federal workers' compensation program. This presumption also applies to federal employees employed in fire protection activities for at least five years who experience a sudden cardiac event or stroke within 24 hours of performing a fire protection activity.

The bill also requires the Department of Labor to conduct a review to determine whether breast cancer, gynecological cancer, and rhabdomyolysis should be included under the presumption and to conduct periodic reviews to determine whether other diseases should be included. In addition, a person may petition Labor to include another disease under the presumption.

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 extinguishing of fires or response to emergency situations where life, property, or the environment is at risk, including the prevention, control, suppression, or management of wildland fires; and (4) performs such activities as a primary responsibility.

Actions Timeline

- **May 12, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **May 11, 2022:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1097. (consideration: CR H4816-4831)
- **May 11, 2022:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 903, H.R. 2499, H.R. 5129 and H.R. 7691. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 903, H.R. 2499, and H.R. 5129 under a structured rule. H.R. 7691 is considered under a closed rule. Bills considered under the rule are debatable for one hour. The rule provides that H. Res. 1096 is adopted and amends H. Res. 188 by striking May 13, 2022 and inserting June 10, 2022.
- **May 11, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 2499.
- **May 11, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1097, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Scott (VA) amendment en bloc No. 1.
- **May 11, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Scott (VA) amendment en bloc, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mrs. Greene (GA) demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **May 11, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1097, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Joyce (OH) amendment No. 3.
- **May 11, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Joyce (OH) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mrs. Greene (GA) demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **May 11, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1097, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on Keller amendment No. 4.
- **May 11, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Keller amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Keller demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **May 11, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 288 - 131 (Roll no. 149).
- **May 11, 2022:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 288 - 131 (Roll no. 149). (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H4816-4817)
- **May 11, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 10, 2022:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1097 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 903, H.R. 2499, H.R. 5129 and H.R. 7691. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 903, H.R. 2499, and H.R. 5129 under a structured rule. H.R. 7691 is considered under a closed rule. Bills considered under the rule are debatable for one hour. The rule provides that H. Res. 1096 is adopted and amends H. Res. 188 by striking May 13, 2022 and inserting June 10, 2022.
- **May 6, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and Labor. H. Rept. 117-306.
- **May 6, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 226.
- **Mar 16, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 16, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 31 - 18.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.