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## **CANCER LOOK-BACK BILL**

### **S-5246A GOUNARDES A-07716 REYES**

**TITLE OF BILL:** An act to amend the general municipal law, in relation to disabilities of certain retired firefighters caused by cancer.

**PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:** To provide retirees of the New York City Fire Department diagnosed with certain cancers at a certain time a presumption that the cancer was incurred in the performance of duties.

- Medical studies have consistently showed that firefighters contract cancers at a much higher rate than the general public.
- There are hundreds of known carcinogens in everyday products, furniture, electronics, and chemicals, which firefighters are exposed to throughout their career.
- In many cases these cancers will not show up until later in a member's career or shortly after retirement from service.
- This bill will allow a service retired firefighter, who unfortunately is diagnosed with a specific cancer, the ability to apply for a disability pension up to 5 years after retiring.
- New York State Professional Firefighters currently have this protection.
- This bill protects all NYC Firefighters & Fire Officers that meet the criteria laid out in this bill.