

By Mr. Angelo of Saugus, petition of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts and Steven Angelo that certain diseases suffered by uniformed members of paid fire departments be presumed to have been suffered in the line of duty under the accidental disability law. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO IMPAIRMENT OF HEALTH TO UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF PAID FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,
2 Chapter 32 of the General Laws is amended by adding the
3 following new section: —

4 Section 103. Any condition of impairment of health caused by
5 hypertension, heart disease, disease of the lungs, or any type of
6 cancer contained in Section 94B of this Chapter suffered by a uni-
7 formed member of a paid fire department shall be presumed to
8 have been suffered in the line of duty. Said presumption shall
9 apply unless the contrary can be shown by competent medical
10 evidence.

