

HOUSE No. 1357

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, petition of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts and Kevin W. Fitzgerald relative to the disability of fire fighters due to exposure to infectious diseases. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DISABILITY FOR FIRE FIGHTERS.

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

1 Any active fire fighter who is unable to perform his/her duties
2 in the fire department by reasons of exposure to infectious disease,
3 which infectious disease develops or manifests itself as a result of
4 such exposure during a period while the fire fighters is in the
5 service of the department, shall be entitled to receive an
6 occupational disability and he or she be entitled to all of the
7 benefits provided for in Chapter 41, 111F, and chapter 32, 1-26
8 as applicable Section 2. Any family member of a fire fighter who
9 becomes ill from such exposure shall have their medical bills paid
10 for from the governmental body of which the fire fighter is
11 employed.

