

Bill as Introduced

HB 385-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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2021 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

385-FN

AN ACT

relative to workers' compensation for heart and lung disease in firefighters.

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COMMITTEE:

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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**HB 385-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

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LOCAL:

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METHODOLOGY:

The New Hampshire Municipal Association states this bill would repeal RSA 281-A:17, I(c), regarding the presumption that heart or lung disease in firefighters is occupationally related terminates one month after the firefighter's 65th birthday. Repealing this limitation could lead to more claims for workers' compensation, and increased workers' compensation rates for municipalities. However, the Association has no information from which to estimate any increase in claims or costs. The Association does not expect any impact on municipal revenues.

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SENATE COMMERCE: OTP 5-0 CONSENT

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Approved: June 18, 2021

Effective Date: August 17, 2021

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
Commerce

Sen Harold French, Chair
Sen Bill Gannon, Vice Chair
Sen Jeb Bradley, Member
Sen Donna Soucy, Member
Sen Kevin Cavanaugh, Member

Date: April 15, 2021

HEARINGS

Tuesday

04/27/2021

(Day)

(Date)

Commerce

REMOTE 000

9:00 a.m.

(Name of Committee)

(Place)

(Time)

9:00 a.m.	HB 227	relative to termination of tenancy at the expiration of the tenancy or lease term.
9:15 a.m.	HB 384-FN	prohibiting the sharing of location data.
9:30 a.m.	HB 385-FN	relative to workers' compensation for heart and lung disease in firefighters.
9:45 a.m.	HB 448	establishing a committee to study and compare federal Occupational Safety and Health Act standards with the safety and health standards the New Hampshire department of labor uses for public sector employees.
10:00 a.m.	HB 593-FN	requiring a food delivery service to enter into an agreement with a food service establishment or food retail store before offering delivery service from that restaurant.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 227

Rep. Lynn

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Rep. Wuelper

Rep. T. Lekas

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Rep. M. Pearson

Rep. Doucette

Rep. O'Brien

HB 448

Rep. Sullivan

Rep. Myler

Rep. Long

HB 593-FN

Rep. Wilhelm

Rep. M. Smith

Rep. Wallace

Rep. S. Pearson

Rep. Pratt

Rep. M. Pearson

Rep. Schultz

Sen. Cavanaugh

Rep. Chretien

Rep. Verville

Rep. Testerman

Rep. Shurtleff

Rep. Soucy

Rep. Merner

Rep. Schuett

Rep. Oxaal

Rep. Gould

Rep. Goley

Rep. Lanzara

Rep. Welch

Rep. Goley

Rep. Moran

Aaron Jones 271-4063

Harold F. French
Chairman

Senate Commerce Committee

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HB 385-FN, relative to workers' compensation for heart and lung disease in firefighters.

Hearing Date: April 27, 2021

Time Opened: 10:55 a.m.

Time Closed: 11:03 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators French, Bradley, Soucy and Cavanaugh

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Gannon

Bill Analysis: This bill extends to age 70 the benefits from the presumption that heart or lung disease is occupationally related for firefighters.

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Rep. Pratt

Rep. Soucy

Rep. Lanzara

Rep. O'Brien

Who supports the bill: 35 people signed up in support of the bill. Full sign in sheet available upon request.

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: Danielle Albert (NH Department of Labor), Christian Citarella (NH Insurance Department)

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Mark Pearson

- This bill would extend workers' compensation benefits to firefighters that have heart and lung disease. Specifically, the benefits would be extended to the 70th birthday of a firefighter.
- Last session, a similar bill was introduced; however, it was tabled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Representative Pearson said this bill would incentivize people to become volunteer firefighters.
 - The number of volunteer firefighters has decreased throughout the state; however, some municipalities have seen sharper declines than others.

- Consequently, some smaller towns have needed to hire more professional firefighters, which has had cost implications.
- According to research, firefighters suffer from heart and lung conditions at a higher rate than the general population. Additionally, negative health effects might not manifest in firefighters until many years after their exposure.
- As a result of changes made to the New Hampshire Retirement System about a decade ago, some firefighters are staying longer in their positions to help secure a better retirement.
- Women firefighters are 7 times more likely to develop breast cancer compared to their non-firefighter counterparts.
- Representative Pearson reiterated that the reason the age limit was extended was to acknowledge the effects of prolonged exposure, to show respect and appreciation to those who put their lives on the line, and to help municipalities save money by decreasing the need to hire additional professional firefighters.
- Representative Pearson said the age extension is helpful and necessary, even if a firefighter qualifies for Medicare, because without workers' compensation a firefighter may have to pay medical copays or pay for medical equipment. Also, workers' compensation helps to pay for a firefighter who might be unable to return to work.

Representative Timothy Soucy

- Under existing law, the prima facie presumption benefit expires when a firefighter turns 65 years old.
- Reiterating Representative Pearson, Representative Soucy said more people are retiring later in life and more volunteers are staying on the job longer.
 - Currently, if a firefighter or a volunteer retires after the age of 65, they can't receive the prima facie presumption benefit.
- This bill wouldn't make changes to the five-year benefit in RSA 281-A:17, I(b). Instead, this bill would simply increase the eligibility for prima facie presumption benefits to age 70.

Representative Will Infantine

- Representative Infantine said there weren't enough votes in the House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee to extend the benefits to the death of an employee.
- As a result, the House Labor Committee passed an amendment to increase the benefits up until the seventieth birthday of a firefighter.

Brian Ryll, Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire

- Mr. Ryll said the amendment passed by the House Labor Committee was a fair compromise.
- Mr. Ryll concluded that this bill is extremely important for the health and wellness of firefighters throughout the state.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented:

Danielle Albert, Director of the Workers' Compensation Division, New Hampshire
Department of Labor

- Director Albert said they understood the intent of the bill and they could implement it as it's currently written.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 27, 2021

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Finance

Sen Gary Daniels, Chair
Sen John Reagan, Vice Chair
Sen Bob Giuda, Member
Sen Erin Hennessey, Member
Sen Chuck Morse, Member
Sen Lou D'Allesandro, Member
Sen Cindy Rosenwald, Member

Date: May 13, 2021

Monday	05/17/2021
(Day)	(Date)
Finance	REMOTE 000
(Name of Committee)	(Place)
1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
	(Time)
BUDGET WORK SESSION	
Department of Health and Human Services:	
Office of the Commissioner	
Division of Economic and Housing Stability	
Division of Long-Term Supports and Services	

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Gary L. Daniels
Chairman

Speakers

Commerce Committee Testify List for Bill HB385 on 2021-04-27

Support: 36 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 2 Total to Testify: 5

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>
Infantine, Will	winfantine@aspen-ins.com	603.493.9779	An Elected Official	House Labor committee	Support	Yes
Pearson, Rep.Mark	canonpearson@yahoo.com	603.571.0205	An Elected Official	Prime Sponsor	Support	Yes
Soucy, Timothy	Tsoucy8371@aol.com	Not Given	An Elected Official	Member of House Labor Committee	Support	Yes
Ryll, Brian	brian@pffnh.org	603-223-3304	A Lobbyist	Professional Fire Fighters of NH	Support	Yes
Albert, Danielle	danielle.albert@dol.nh.gov	603.271.8492	State Agency Staff	New Hampshire Department of Labor	Neutral	Yes
Hamblet, Joan	joan.hamblet@leg.state.nh.us	603.205.4925	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Harriott-Gathright, Linda	linda.HarriottGathright@leg.state.nh.us	16038804537	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Ballentine, John M	mikeb@btine.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Levesque, Cassandra	cassandra.levesque@leg.state.nh.us	Not Given	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Pearson, Mark	Not Given	603.571.0205	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Simpson, Alexis	Alexis.simpson@leg.state.nh.us	Not Given	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Pearson, Stephen	pearsonforderry@gmail.com	Not Given	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Schapiro, Joe	joe.schapiro@leg.state.nh.us	603.852.5039	An Elected Official	Cheshire 16, Keene	Support	No
Lacasse, Marco	Not Given	16033615808	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
McBeath, Rebecca	NHStateHouse@gmail.com	Not Given	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Lewandowski, Jean	jlewando@hotmail.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Chase, Wendy	Not Given	603.319.7259	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Citarella, Christian	christian.g.citarella@ins.nh.gov	271-2113	State Agency Staff	Insurance Department	Neutral	No
Raff, Alan	araff9@gmail.com	603.714.0258	A Lobbyist	NH AFL-CIO	Support	No
Vail, Suzanne	Suzanne.vail@leg.state.nh.us	Not Given	An Elected Official	Hillsborough County 30	Support	No
Hamer, Heidi	Not Given	Not Given	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Almy, Susan	susan.almy@comcast.net	603.448.4769	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Telerski, Laura	Laura.Telerski@Leg.State.NH.US	603.320.3957	An Elected Official	Hillsborough 35	Support	No
Grassie, Chuck	chuck.grassie@leg.state.nh.us	16039787417	An Elected Official	Strafford 11	Support	No
Mombourquette, Donna	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Cornell, Patricia	Not Given	Not Given	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No

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Dontonville, Roger	rdontonville@gmail.com	603.632.7719	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Stevens, Representative Deb	debstevens4ward7@gmail.com	603.820.0866	An Elected Official	My 10K constituents	Support	No
Tucker, Kathy	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Booras, Hon. Efstathia	efstathia.booras@state.leg.us.gov	603.930.3220	An Elected Official	Constituents	Support	No
Dontonville, Anne	Adontonville@gmail.com	603.632.7719	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Weston, Joyce	jweston14@roadrunner.com	Not Given	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Heath, Mary	Not Given	Not Given	An Elected Official	hills 14	Support	No
Bartlett, Rep Christy	christydbartlett@gmail.com	603.717.8151	An Elected Official	Merrimack 19	Support	No
Lonano, James	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
DiLorenzo, Charlotte	cbdilorenzo@comcast.net	16039884405	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Smith, Suzanne	zanne719@gmail.com	603.715.0086	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Bixby, Peter	peter.bixby@leg.state.nh.us	16037495659	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No

Testimony

Aaron Jones

From: Canon Mark A. Pearson <canonpearson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Aaron Jones
Subject: Testimony for Commerce Committee, please

HOUSE BILL 385 to be heard in SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

9:30 a.m., TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Commerce Committee,

I am State Rep. Mark Pearson from Hampstead, Chairman of the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee, and, many years ago, a volunteer firefighter.

I am also the prime sponsor of **House Bill 385**. The bill would extend workers' compensation benefits for heart and lung disease in firefighters from sixty-five years to seventy.

In the last session this same bill came to the Senate with no upper age limit. As it was in 2020, HB 1113 passed unanimously through committee in the House and became part of the consent calendar. Alongside many other bills, unfortunately, this bill died on the table as part of the COVID response.

This year we are asking only for a five year extension of the age limit. This bill is the result of a compromise from the previous version of the bill by adding an incremental change to the 70th birthday of the fire fighter.

Why is this bill necessary?

* Studies have been done demonstrating how fire fighters suffer from heart or lung conditions at a much higher rate than the general population.

*Fire fighters have an increased risk of sudden cardiac events after participating in fire suppression activities. Fire fighters' risk of death from a heart attack is up to 100 times greater than those performing non-emergency work.

*Due to the sweeping changes made to the retirement system in 2011, fire fighters must work later into their lives in order to secure a healthy retirement.

*We also know that the job of a fire fighter has changed and the stress of this job is significantly taking a toll on the bodies and minds of those who serve our communities.

*Women in the fire service are seven time more likely to develop breast cancer. Women are already grossly under-represented in the Fire Service. This bill will say to them, "Thank you for your service. We have your backs." We should not let this be a barrier for women in the fire service.

So whether it is to respect and acknowledge the impact of prolonged exposure for these men and women, or to show our appreciation to those professionals who put their lives on the line for us, extending the age limit is the right thing to do.

I know that although various laws and administrative rules are requiring that new materials that can catch fire be less toxic and therefore less harmful to firefighters, it will be years before firefighters will be free from damage to hearts and lungs from burning materials.

Some of the toxic effects take years to develop in an individual. Raising the age from sixty-five to seventy catches these benefits up with the fact that people are living longer.

Thank you,
Rep. Mark Pearson

PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Senate Commerce Committee
NH State House
107 N Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Testimony in support of HB 385-FN relative to workers' compensation for heart and lung disease in firefighters

Dear Chairman French and Members of the Committee,

My name is Brian Ryll and I serve as the President of the Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire and am a Captain for the Portsmouth Fire Department. On behalf of the 42 local unions and approximately 2,000 active and retired professional fire fighters and paramedics that I represent, I am providing testimony in support of HB 385-FN *relative to workers' compensation for heart and lung disease in firefighters* as amended.

After deliberations in the House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee, we agreed with the chair and members of the committee to amend this bill from its original form – eliminating the sunset provision entirely – to add an additional 5 years to the current statute, expanding the benefits from the presumption that heart or lung disease is occupationally related for firefighters to their 70th birthday.

The hazardous nature of the fire service industry has never been disputed. In fact, the State of New Hampshire has already recognized the serious and sometimes catastrophic effects of this profession by adopting legislation that states when a fire fighter is diagnosed with heart, lung or cancer disease it is presumed to have been occupationally related. Fire fighters routinely risk their lives to protect the citizens in the communities they serve, and are oftentimes rewarded with cardiovascular disease, pulmonary illness or a cancer diagnosis for their efforts. It is incumbent upon us to show these fire fighters that we will always have their back for the service they provide to this great state, and not just until they turn 65.

It is well documented that throughout the course of their duty, fire fighters are subjected to a number of occupational hazards that take a toll on the human body. The routine exposure to high physical and emotional stress, heat, and cancer causing carcinogens makes it far more likely that a fire fighter will develop cardiovascular disease, lung disease or cancer. The American Heart Association cites sudden cardiac death as the leading cause of death for fire fighters at approximately 45% of all job-related deaths. Repeated injury as a result of physical strain, emotional stress, or exposure to carcinogens or infectious diseases have a cumulative effect on the human body that increases a fire fighters risk of cardiovascular disease. [1] Moreover, The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health's most recent study shows that fire fighters are at a 14% increased risk of dying from cancer as opposed to the general population. [2]

PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

I respectfully ask for the committee's full support of HB 385, *relative to workers' compensation for heart and lung disease in fire fighters.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Brian Ryll
President
Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire

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[2] FAQ. (2020, December 30). Retrieved February 02, 2021, from <https://firefightercancersupport.org/resources/faq/>

Voting Sheets

Senate Commerce Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # HB 385-FN

Hearing date: 4/7/21

Executive Session date: 5/4/21

Motion of: OTR Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. French, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Gannon, V-Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion of: Consent Vote: 5-0

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Motion of: _____ Vote: _____

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Reported out by: Sen. Cavanaugh

Notes: _____

Senate Finance Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill # HB 385-FN

Hearing date: N/A

Executive session date: 05/17/21

Motion of: OTL

VOTE: 4-3

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Motion of: _____

VOTE: _____

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<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Reported out by</u>
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Senator Morse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator D'Allesandro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Amendments: _____

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Commerce

to which was referred **HB 385-FN**

AN ACT

relative to workers' compensation for heart and
lung disease in firefighters.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Kevin Cavanaugh
For the Committee

This bill would extend workers' compensation benefits for heart and lung disease up to the seventieth birthday of a firefighter. This extension seeks to incentivize more people to become volunteer firefighters. Currently, the number of volunteer firefighters has declined statewide, which has resulted in greater costs to municipalities since they're forced to hire more professional firefighters. In addition, the extension would acknowledge that lung and heart conditions might not manifest in firefighters for many years after their exposure to fires or fire-related incidents. Finally, the extension would help cover the cost of medical copays, medical equipment, and leaves of absence.

Aaron Jones 271-4063

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE

HB 385-FN, relative to workers' compensation for heart and lung disease in firefighters.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Kevin Cavanaugh for the committee.

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Docket of HB385**Bill Title:** relative to workers' compensation for heart and lung disease in firefighters.*Official Docket of HB385.:*

Date	Body	Description
1/10/2021	H	Introduced (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services HJ 2 P. 45
1/27/2021	H	Public Hearing: 02/04/2021 09:00 am Members of the public may attend using the following link To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/93123047403 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
2/17/2021	H	Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0307h (Vote 13-7; RC) HC 12 P. 32
2/17/2021	H	Minority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate
2/25/2021	H	Special Order to Regular Calendar of next Session day Without Objection HJ 4 P. 46
4/9/2021	H	Amendment #2021-0307h : AA VV 04/09/2021 HJ 7 P. 21
4/9/2021	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0307h: MA DV 257-117 04/09/2021 HJ 7 P. 21
4/13/2021	S	Introduced 04/08/2021 and Referred to Commerce; SJ 12
4/15/2021	S	Remote Hearing : 04/27/2021, 09:30 am; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 20
5/4/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 05/13/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 23
5/13/2021	S	Sen. Daniels Moved to Remove HB 385 from the Consent Calendar; 05/13/2021; SJ 15
5/13/2021	S	Ought to Pass: MA, VV; Refer to Finance Rule 4-5; 05/13/2021; SJ 15
5/18/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 05/20/2021; SC 24A
5/20/2021	S	Ought to Pass : MA, VV; OT3rdg; 05/20/2021; SJ 16
6/11/2021	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 06/10/2021); SJ 19
6/11/2021	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 06/10/2021
6/21/2021	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 06/18/2021; Chapter 83; Eff: 08/17/2021

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