

Chapter 640

(Senate Bill 849)

AN ACT concerning

**Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening
Technologies Program – Funding**

FOR the purpose of altering the amount the Governor is authorized to include in the annual budget for the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program; authorizing the Secretary to use up to a certain percentage of Program funds to support ~~academic-medical research~~ centers for certain purposes; and generally relating to the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–4001
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–4006
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

13–4001.

In this subtitle, “Program” means the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program.

13–4006.

(a) (1) For fiscal years 2021 through 2024, the Governor shall include at least \$100,000 in the annual budget for the Program.

(2) For fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor may include at least [\$500,000] ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$1,000,000 in the annual budget for the Program.

(b) Appropriations and expenditures made for the purpose of implementing the Program, including the use of any funds received by a person under any component of the Program, are subject to audit by the Office of Legislative Audits as provided in § 2–1220 of the State Government Article.

(c) **THE SECRETARY MAY USE UP TO 20% OF PROGRAM FUNDS TO SUPPORT ~~ACADEMIC MEDICAL~~ RESEARCH CENTERS, INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH COMPUTING, IN THE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS, AND PROCESSING OF PROGRAM OUTCOME DATA FOR THE PURPOSES OF ASSESSING, MAXIMIZING, AND IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND CLINICAL UTILITY OF THE CANCER SCREENING FUNDED BY THE PROGRAM.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2030, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.