

## **New York City Council**

### **Memorandum in Support of Legislation**

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Legislative Service Number:

- INT 1455-2025

Prime Sponsor:

- Council Member Joann Ariola

Bill Title:

- A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to voluntary PFAS screenings for firefighters
- Submitted by:
- Council Member Joann Ariola
- Justification

Cancer is the number 1 killer of firefighters nationwide.

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or “PFAS,” are a group of chemicals commonly utilized in consumer products, that have been linked to increased risk of negative health outcomes. This bill would require the fire department and the department of health and mental hygiene to establish a program to provide voluntary PFAS screenings for firefighters, and report on the results of the program.

**For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.**