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**H. 4680**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 12/14/2023 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs**

 1/9/2024 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 121)

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 1/10/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Lawson, Moss

 1/11/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor:
 Kilmartin, White

 1/16/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bauer

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 1/30/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hardee

 2/8/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Leber

 2/28/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor:
 Gilliard, Rivers, King

 2/28/2024 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** (House Journal‑page 13)

 2/29/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Caskey,
 Henderson-Myers

 3/6/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hart

 3/6/2024 House Debate adjourned (House Journal‑page 58)

 3/7/2024 House Amended (House Journal‑page 24)

 3/7/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 24)

 3/7/2024 House Roll call Yeas-108 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 25)

 3/7/2024 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal‑page 26)

 3/8/2024 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 1)

 3/12/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 7)

 3/12/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 7)

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March 07, 2024

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197, RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “FIREFIGHTER” TO PROVIDE THE TERM INCLUDES CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.

 Amend Title To Conform

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 23-9-197(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (A) As used in this section:

 (1) “Cancer” includes malignant neoplasms of the following body areas and organ systems:

 (a) central and peripheral nervous system;

 (b) oropharyngeal;

 (c) respiratory tract;

 (d) gastrointestinal tract;

 (e) hepatobiliary;

 (f) solid organ and endocrine;

 (g) genitourinary and male reproductive;

 (h) GYN;

 (i) skin, soft tissue, and breast; and

 (j) bone and blood.

 (2) “Fire department” means any organization located and based in this State that provides rescue, fire suppression, and related activities including any public or government-sponsored organizations, excluding federal agencies, engaged in rescue, fire suppression, and related activities.

 (3) “Firefighter” means any person, paid or unpaid, who is a resident of this State and engages in rescue, fire suppression, or related activities, under the supervision of a fire chief or fire department in this State or who is employed by the State Commission of Forestry, orSouth Carolina State Fire, or a forestry district for the purpose of fire protection.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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