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An Act To Require Coverage for Female Firefighters Facing Reproductive System Cancer

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, SACHS of Freeport, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator:
BREEN of Cumberland.

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §328-B, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 408, §1, is amended to read:

A. "Cancer" means kidney cancer, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, colon cancer, leukemia, brain cancer, bladder cancer, multiple myeloma, prostate cancer, testicular cancer or breast cancer or gynecologic cancer.

7 SUMMARY

 Under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992, there is a rebuttable presumption that a firefighter who has contracted kidney cancer, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, colon cancer, leukemia, brain cancer, bladder cancer, multiple myeloma, prostate cancer, testicular cancer or breast cancer has contracted the cancer as a result of that firefighter's employment. This bill adds gynecologic cancer to the definition of "cancer" so that there is also a rebuttable presumption under that Act for a firefighter who contracts gynecologic cancer.