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SENATE BILL#	ASSEMBLY BILL#	COMMITTEE STATUS	DESCRIPTION	IUC BILL?	SUPPORT/OPOSE
IUC BILLS					
S6233A MARTINEZ (D)	A6790A MCMAHON D)	6/1/26 PASSED SENATE 5/14/26 PASSED ASSEMBLY	<u>INCREASE INCOME TAX FOR 1ST RESPONDERS</u> THIS BILL INCREASES THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS' PERSONAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FROM \$200 TO \$800 FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND FROM \$400 TO \$1600 FOR ELIGIBLE MARRIED JOINT FILERS.	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT
S6019 BASKIN (D)	A288 BARRETT (D)	6/3/26 PASSED SENATE 1/7/26 ASSM WAYS & MEANS	<u>TAX CREDIT FOR INCOME & PROPERTY TAX</u> CURRENT NYS TAX LAW PROHIBITS THE ABILITY FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS TO RECEIVE BOTH THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS TAX CREDIT AND A LOCALLY ENACTED REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION. THIS BILL WOULD ALLOW FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS TO RECEIVE BOTH.	Y	SUPPORT
S5407A HARCKHAM	A7285A BURDICK	6/2/26 PASSED SENATE 6/2/26 REPORTED AND REFERRED TO WAYS AND MEANS	<u>1ST RESPONDER PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM</u> AN ACT TO AMEND THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW, IN RELATION TO THE "FIRST RESPONDER PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM ACT". MODELED AFTER THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL JOSEPH P. DWYER VETERANS PEER TO PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED IN 2012, THIS BILL WOULD ESTABLISH A FIRST RESPONDER PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM WOULD FOCUS ON PRIORITIZING THE MENTAL WELL-BEING OF THE STATE'S FIRST RESPONDERS. BY ENACTING THIS BILL WE CAN ENSURE THAT FIRST RESPONDERS HAVE ACCESS TO THE NECESSARY SYSTEMS TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THEY FACE.	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT
NSA	A1849 STECK (D)	1/7/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	<u>INCREASE VFBL SUPPORT TO FIREFIGHTERS</u> <u>INCREASES TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT DISABILITY PAYMENTS</u> FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS, AND SPECIFIES WEEKLY PAYMENT AMOUNTS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON OR AFTER JULY FIRST, 2026	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT
S5432 SKOUFIS (D)	A6410 MCMAHON	3/10/26 SEN FINANCE CMTE 3/4/26 LOCAL GOVT CMTE	<u>INCREASED VFBL SUPPORT TO FIREFIGHTERS</u> AMENDS SECTION 8 OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' BENEFIT LAW TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE IN PERMANENT DISABILITY BENEFITS TO TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER WEEK FROM THE CURRENT SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS. AMENDS SECTION 9 OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' BENEFIT LAW TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE IN TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFITS TO EIGHT	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT BUT REALIZE THIS IS GOING TO INCREASE COST FOR VFBL INSURANCE.

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			HUNDRED DOLLARS PER WEEK FROM THE CURRENT FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS.		
NSA	A10630 SOLAGES (D)	3/13/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT CMTE	<u>ADDITIONAL STIPENDS FOR VOLUNTEERS</u> AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' BENEFIT LAW AND THE TOWN LAW, IN RELATION TO PROVIDING PAY PER CALL AND PAID ON CALL STIPENDS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT FOR CALL RESPONSE. ALLOWS AN AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION OVER A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIRE COMPANY IN A COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE, FIRE DISTRICT, OR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WITH A STIPEND FOR RESPONSES TO CALLS AND FOR CERTAIN STANDBY SERVICES.	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT
NSA	A10591 BEEPHAN (R)	3/13/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT CMTE	<u>AUTHORIZE STIPENDS FOR VOLUNTEERS</u> TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES AND FIRE DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH A STIPENDPROGRAM THAT PROVIDES NOMINAL COMPENSATION TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS FORSCHEDULED DUTY COVERAGE WHILE PRESERVING THEIR STATUS AS VOLUNTEERS.	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT
S1989 OBERACKER (D)	NSA	1/7/26 SEN LOCAL GOVT	<u>DESIGNATE EMS AS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE</u> AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, IN RELATION TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. THE GOAL OF THE LEGISLATION IS TO PROVIDE A COUNTY-BY-COUNTY ASSESSMENT THAT WILL PROVIDE A ROADMAP FOR STATEWIDE IMPROVEMENTS IN PROVIDING EMS SERVICE GOING FORWARD. THE PROCESS CAN BE MATCHED WITH EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE PLAN THAT MATCHES THE VARIETY OF WAYS SERVICES ARE PROVIDED THROUGHOUT NEW YORK.	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT
S1123 OBERACKER (R)	A1064 ANGELINO (R)	1/7/26 BUDGET & REVENUE 4/22/26 MOTION TO DISCHARGE LOST	<u>INCREASE RESPONDER INCOME TAX CREDIT</u> PROVIDES A STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT OF UP TO \$2,500 FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING FOR A MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS. <u>OUR FRIENDS IN GOVERNMENT JUST SHUT OUT THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE FROM THIS TAX CREDIT LEGISLATION.</u>	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT A "motion to discharge lost" in a state assembly means that an attempt to force a bill out of a committee and onto the floor for a direct vote has failed. The bill remains stuck in the committee and will likely not move forward, effectively stalling or killing the legislation
NSA	A28 BURDICK (D)	1/7/26 WAYS & MEANS	<u>INCOME TAX CREDIT PROPOSAL</u> THIS PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE <u>A PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM OF CREDITS</u> FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO ATTEND AT LEAST FORTY PERCENT OF THE,ACTIVITIES AND ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF SERVICE. <u>THE</u>	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT

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			CREDIT BEGINS AT \$250 AFTER THE FIRST YEAR OF SERVICE AND GOES TO \$2,500 FOR TEN OR MORE YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE SERVICE.		
S298 OBERACKER (R)	A5221 TAGUE (R)	1/7/26 SEN BUDG & REVENUE 1/7/26 ASSM TRANSPORTATION	GROSS INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS SECTION ONE OF THIS LEGISLATION PROVIDES FOR AN EXEMPTION OF THE GROSS INCOME FROM TAX UNDER SECTION 601 OF THE TAX LAW, FOR EACH RESIDENT OF NEW YORK STATE WHO HAS QUALIFYING SERVICE FOR WHICH THE EXEMPTION IS CLAIMED AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKER, OR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL SQUAD. THIS SECTION ALSO DESCRIBES THE "QUALIFYING SERVICE" REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS LEGISLATION AS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING WITH A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR, WHO HAS COMPLETED ALL REQUIRED TRAINING COURSES AS MANDATED BY NEW YORK STATE, IS CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR OF THE COUNTY THAT THEY SERVE IN, AND HAS ATTENDED AT LEAST 55% OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OR SERVICE HE OR SHE IS A MEMBER OF.	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT
S7021 RYAN (D)	NSA	1/7/26 SEN CIVIL SERVICE 1/7/26 ASSM GOVTL EMPLOYEES CMTE	CREDIT FOR THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM THIS BILL WOULD ALLOW A MEMBER, UPON APPLICATION TO A PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM, TO ACHIEVE ONE YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT FOR EVERY FIVE YEARS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE OR EMERGENCY SERVICE IN THE STATE, NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS OF TOTAL SERVICE CREDIT; AVAILABLE TO SUCH MEMBER ANYTIME BEFORE RETIREMENT.	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT
BILLS IN BOTH CHAMBERS					
S4675 JACKSON (D)	A688 BUTTENSCHON (D)	5/6/26 PASSED SENATE 4/29/26 PASSED ASSEMBLY	AN ACT TO AMEND THE EXECUTIVE LAW, IN RELATION TO PROVIDING MINIMUM BASIC TRAINING RELATED TO HANDLING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS WITH ANY PHYSICAL AND/OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY TO ALL FIREFIGHTERS	N	OPPOSE MORE MANDATED TRAINING TO THE GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE
S5614 ADDABBO (D)	A3681A WOERNER (D)	6/2/26 PASSED SENATE 1/28/26 PASSED ASSEMBLY	REMOVES RESTRICTIONS ON THE FREQUENCY CERTAIN AUTHORIZED NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MAY CONDUCT BINGO GAMES. (COMMITTING TO RULES INSURES THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED PROMPTLY IN 2026 SESSION)	N	TO THE GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE
S518C PERSAUD (D)	A5501A BUTTENSCHON (D)	2/3/26 PASSED SENATE 3/9/26 AMEND AND RECOMMIT TO ASSM GOVTL OPERATIONS	THIS LEGISLATION WOULD MANDATE ALL FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING COURSES INCLUDING THOSE FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS, STATE POLICE, CORRECTIONS OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, AND EMS, TO REQUIRE THAT FIVE PERCENT OF THE OVERALL CONTENT AND COURSES REQUIRED FOR THESE PROFESSIONS CONSIST OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION TRAINING. THESE TRAININGS SHOULD SPECIFICALLY FOCUS ON BIASES RELATED TO RACE, ETHNICITY, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RELIGION, AGE, AND DISABILITY, SPECIAL NEEDS, AMONG OTHERS.	N	OPPOSE, ADDITIONAL MANADATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS DO AWAY WITH DEI ALL TOGETHER

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S190 MARTINEZ (D)	A4675 EACHUS (D)	2/5/26 PASSED SENATE 1/7/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVTS	ESTABLISHES THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKER DEATH BENEFITS SHALL BE WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE FILING OF APPLICATION TO RECEIVE SUCH DEATH BENEFIT	N	SUPPORT
S257 MARTINEZ (D)	A5100 O'PHARROW (D)	3/16/26 PASSED SENATE 5/5/26 REPORTED & REFERRED TO WAYS AND MEANS	THE PURPOSE OF THIS LEGISLATION IS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON LITHIUM-ION BATTERY FIRES AND PREVENTION WITHIN 1 YEAR OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS LEGISLATION.	N	SUPPORT
S3111 HELMING (R)	A9657 CASHMAN (D)	5/4/26 PASSED SENATE 5/4/26 ASSM EDUCATION CMTE	PERMITS THE PRINCIPAL OF ANY HIGH SCHOOL TO ALLOW ANY LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT, UPON REQUEST, TO ENTER THE SCHOOL FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT JUNIOR RECRUITMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: MAKING PRESENTATIONS; DISSEMINATING LITERATURE; AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS BY STUDENTS.	N	SUPPORT
S6009B BASKIN (D)	A1633A MCMAHON (D)	5/19/26 PASSED SENATE 5/1/26 AMENDED & REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVT	YOUTH PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY FIRE DEPARTMENTS; PROVIDES THAT PARTICIPANTS MAY RESPOND TO AN EMERGENCY OR HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY, BUT SHALL REMAIN IN AN APPROPRIATE AND SAFE DESIGNATED AREA THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE CHIEF OR OFFICER IN CHARGE; PROVIDES SUCH PARTICIPANTS CANNOT RESPOND TO AN EMERGENCY ON A VEHICLE USING LIGHTS AND/OR SIRENS; PROVIDES SUCH PARTICIPANTS MAY NOT ENTER A BURNING STRUCTURE; PROTECTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND FIRE COMPANIES FROM CERTAIN CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY POTENTIALLY ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF A YOUTH PROGRAM.	N	SUPPORT
S7316 HINCHEY (D)	A8008 LUNSFORD (D)	5/18/26 PASSED SENATE 5/1/26 PASSED ASSEMBLY	REQUIRES THE FORFEITURE OF BENEFITS TO BE PAID PURSUANT TO A SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF FELONIES COMMITTED AGAINST A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, FIRE DISTRICT, OR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.	N	TO GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE
S7367A STAVINSKY (D)	A4679A EACHUS (D)	6/3/26 PASSED SENATE 1/7/26 REFERRED TO HIGHER EDUCATION	GRANTS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ACADEMIC CREDIT AT STATE OPERATED INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND THE SENIOR COLLEGES OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK TO THE EXTENT OF THREE ACADEMIC CREDITS PER YEAR, AND 6 CREDITS IN THE AGGREGATE; PROVIDES THAT NO FEE, TUITION OR OTHER CHARGE SHALL BE ASSESSED AGAINST A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN WHO QUALIFIES FOR SUCH CREDIT; DIRECTS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK TO ADOPT NECESSARY PROCEDURES.	N	SUPPORT
S511 PALUMBO (R)	A5700 GIGLIO (R)	1/7/26 SEN INVESTIGATIONS	NO INFORMATION REGARDING A COMPLAINT AGAINST A POLICE OFFICER, PEACE OFFICER, FIREFIGHTER, CORRECTION OFFICER OR EMERGENCY	N	SUPPORT

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		4/21/26 HELD FOR CONSIDERATION GOVTL OPS CMTE	MEDICAL SERVICE, PROVIDER WHICH WAS INVESTIGATED AND DETERMINED TO BE UNFOUNDED SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THEIR PERSONNEL RECORD.		"Held for consideration" in the New York State Assembly means a bill has been placed on a "hold" agenda within a committee, pausing its progress without officially killing it.
S9502A MARTINEZ (D)	A10885B STERN (D)	6/2/26 PASSED SENATE 6/1/26 PASSED ASSEMBLY	TO ADD SURVIVING SPOUSES OF PAID FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY TO THE EXISTING OPTIONAL REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE SURVIVING SPOUSES OF POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.	N	TO GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE
S4828 RYAN (D)	A6068 HUNTER (D)	6/4/26 COMMITTED TO RULES 1/7/26 ASSM REAL PROP TAX CMTE	THIS BILL WOULD PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT REAL PROPERTY TAXES, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, PROVIDED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING, ADOPTS A LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION PROVIDING THEREFOR	N	SUPPORT WILL HAVE TO PRESENT TO EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT THE FIRE DISTRICT COVERS.
S1486 O'MARA (R)	A6414 PALMESANO (R)	3/9/26 SEN NOTICE OF CMTE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED 1/7/26 WAYS & MEANS	ENACTS THE "OMNIBUS EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE ACT" TO PROVIDE BENEFITS TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS; INCREASES THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION AFTER FOUR OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE; EXEMPTS MOTOR VEHICLES USED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF SUCH VOLUNTEERS' DUTIES FROM REGISTRATION FEES, USE TAXES AND SPECIAL FEES FOR VOLUNTEER LICENSE PLATES; AUTHORIZES THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE TO SUCH VOLUNTEERS	Y	SUPPORT
S9026 COMRIE (D)	A10037 EACHUS (D)	1/23/26 SEN TRANSPORTATION CMTE 5/5/26 REPORTED AND REFERRED TO WAYS & MEANS CMTE	THE THRUWAY AUTHORITY SHALL ISSUE PERMITS FOR AMBULANCES AND FIRE VEHICLES EXEMPTING SUCH VEHICLES FROM PAYING TOLLS ON THE THRUWAY WHEN ENGAGED IN AN EMERGENCY OPERATION.	N	SUPPORT
S4828 RYAN (R)	A6068 HUNTER (R)	4/27/26 SEN ADVANCED TO 3 RD READING 1/7/26 ASSM REAL PROP TAX	SCHOOL DISTRICT REAL PROPERTY TAX BREAK AUTHORIZES EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS RESIDING IN SUCH SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH SOME SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS.	N	SUPPORT
S9666 HINCHEY (D)	A05673 LEVENBERG (D)	4/1/26 SEN TRANSPORTATION 1/7/26 ASSM TRANSPORTATION	WAIVING THE REGISTRATION FEES FOR DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST 25% OR MORE OF THE EMERGENCY CALLS FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR.	N	SUPPORT

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S3644 MURRAY (R)	A5224 DESTEFANO (R)	1/7/26 SEN CODES 4/21/26 HELD FOR CONSIDERATION IN CODES CMTE	DESIGNATES CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, FIREFIGHTERS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AS HATE CRIMES; INCLUDES THE DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, FIREFIGHTERS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.	N	SUPPORT
S9229 SCARCELLA- SPANTON (D)	A6074 KAY (D)	2/18/26 SEN CODES CMTE 1/7/26 ASSM CODES CMTE	AUTHORIZES BAIL AND PRE-TRIAL DETENTION FOR ALL ARSON FELONIES.	N	SUPPORT
S6786A GRIFFO (R)	S9660 CASHMAN (D)	2/18/26 AMEND AND COMMIT TO CODES 1/21/26 ASSM CODES CMTE	ESTABLISHES LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER GRANT FUNDS AND FIREFIGHTER GRANT FUNDS TO COVER EXPENSES RELATED TO HIRING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS AND EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES FOR SUCH OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS.	N	SUPPORT
S3608 HELMING (R)	A6450A BAILEY (R)	2/17/26 ASSM GOVT EMPLOYEES 2/17/26 AMEND AND RECOMMIT TO GOVTL EMPLOYEES CMTE	PROVIDES AN OPTIONAL TWENTY-FIVE YEAR RETIREMENT PLAN FOR COUNTY 911 OPERATORS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.	N	SUPPORT
S8074 RHOADS (R)	A10237 MIKULIN (R)	1/7/26 SEN LOCAL GOVT 4/1/26 AMENDED ON 3 RD READING	SECTION ONE OF THIS BILL ADDS THE COMPLETION OF AN APPROVED BATTERY STORAGE FIRE TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE LIST OF QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR SOMEONE TO BECOME A FIREFIGHTER.	N	SUPPORT ADDITIONAL MANDATORY TRAINING
S217 HELMING (R)	A7908 DESTEFANO (R)	1/8/26 SEN HIGHER EDU CMTE 1/7/26 ASSM HIGHER EDU	TO ALLOW COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY) SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS THAT WOULD PROVIDE ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A SERVICE LEARNING, INTERNSHIP, OR INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM IN RELATION TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE	N	SUPPORT
S311 HELMING (R)	A5229 TAGUE (R)	1/7/26 SEN TRANSPORTATION CMTE 1/7/26 ASSM TRANSP CMTE	PERMITS SCHOOLS TO ALLOW FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE A RECRUITMENT PRESENTATION IN A HIGH SCHOOL	N	STRONGLY SUPPORT
S111 GALLIVAN (R)	A6728 CHLUDZINSKI (R)	1/7/26 SEN CODES CMTE 1/7/26 ASSM GOVTL OPERATIONS	PROTECTS THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONNEL RECORDS OF POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, CORRECTION OFFICERS AND PROBATION OFFICERS	N	STRONGLY SUPPORT
S1606 BORRELLO (R)	A7432 HAWLEY (R)	1/7/26 SEN LOCAL GOVT CMTE 1/7/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	<u>STATE FUNDING OF CANCER COVERAGE</u> PROVIDES THAT EACH FIRE DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT OR COMPANY REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ENHANCED CANCER DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS PURSUANT TO SECTION TWO HUNDRED FIVE-CC OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT	N	STRONGLY SUPPORT

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			BY THE STATE FOR PAYMENTS MADE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE INSURANCE COVERAGE NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED FIVE-CC OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.		
S906 HARCKHAM (D)	A4477 LEVENBERG (D)	1/7/26 SEN LOCAL GOVT 1/7/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT CMTE	<i>PERMANENT LUNG BILL</i> AMENDS CHAPTER 606 OF NEW YORK'S VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS BENEFIT LAW TO SECURE PERMANENT MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR THOSE WHO DEVELOP LUNG CONDITIONS DURING SERVICE. IT CREATES A PRESUMPTION THAT EXPOSURES TO TOXINS, CHEMICALS, AND SMOKE CAUSE THOSE CONDITIONS.	N	STRONGLY SUPPORT
S3527 ORTT (R)	A4720 BOLOGNA (R)	1/7/26 SEN BUDGET & REVENUE 1/7/26 REFERRED TO WAYS & MEANS	<i>1ST RESPONDER MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT TAX CREDIT</i> ENACTS THE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT TAX CREDIT; ALLOWS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR A VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKER A CREDIT EQUAL TO THEIR REASONABLE MILEAGE ALLOWANCE OWED FOR EACH MILE ACTUALLY AND NECESSARILY TRAVELED BY THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKER WHO UTILIZES THEIR PERSONAL VEHICLE IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR EMERGENCY RESPONSE DUTIES.	N	SUPPORT
S217 HELMING (R)	A7908 DESTEFANO (R)	1/7/26 HIGHER EDUCATION 1/7/26 ASSM ED CMTE	TO ALLOW COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY) SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS THAT WOULD PROVIDE ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A SERVICE LEARNING, INTERNSHIP, OR INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM IN RELATION TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE, AS PRESCRIBED BY REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES.	N	STRONGLY SUPPORT
S500 PALUMBO (R)	A3109 EACHUS (D)	1/7/26 LOCAL GOVT 1/7/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT CMTE	IT MAKES SENSE TO ALLOW DISTRICT EMPLOYEES TO ALSO SERVE AS CHIEF. NOT ONLY ARE THESE EMPLOYEES AVAILABLE FOR DAYTIME CALLS THEY ARE ALSO FAMILIAR WITH THE EQUIPMENT AND COULD THEREFORE HAVE FASTER RESPONSE TIMES. IT SIMPLY MAKES SENSE TO DO ANYTHING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.	N	STRONGLY SUPPORT
S5306 BAILEY (R)	A527 PAULIN (D)	1/7/26 SEN INSURANCE 1/7/26 ASSM INSURANCE	TO PROVIDE THAT FIRE INSURANCE MONEY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS, COMPANIES, AND VOLUNTEER BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS BE DISTRIBUTED IN PROPORTION TO THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS WITHIN EACH COMPANY.	N	MONITOR
S1947 TEDISCO (R)	A9330 SCHIAVONI (D)	1/7/26 SEN TRANSPORTATION CMTE 1/7/26 ASSM TRANSPORTATION	ELIMINATES THE REGISTRATION FEES CHARGED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES.	N	SUPPORT
S6163 SKOUFIS (D)	A8400 WILLIAMS (D)	1/7/26 SEN LOCAL GOVT	THE BILL WOULD CREATE A NEW CATEGORY OF STATE AID FOR CERTAIN CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES, OR FIRE DISTRICTS BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTY IN THE JURISDICTION. TO BE ELIGIBLE, THESE CITIES, TOWNS,	N	SUPPORT

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		1/7/26 REAL PROPERTY TAXATION	VILLAGES, OR FIRE DISTRICTS MUST HAVE AT LEAST THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THEIR REAL PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.		
S5468 COMRIE (D)	A6816 GRIFFIN (D)	1/7/26 BUDGET & REVENUE 1/7/26 ASSM WAYS & MEANS	THIS BILL ESTABLISHES A TAX-FREE TIME PERIOD DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE SAFETY-RELATED PRODUCTS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE.	N	SUPPORT
S8648 ASHBY (R)	A7331 BENDETT (R)	1/7/26 SEN LOCAL GOVT 1/7/26 ASSM LOC GOVTS CMTE	RELATES TO TRAINING STIPENDS PAID BY THE OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TO INCREASE STIPENDS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TRAINING COURSES TO DOUBLE THE CURRENT AMOUNT.	N	SUPPORT
S6749 WEBB (D)	A1458 HUNTER (D)	4/22/26 ADVANCED TO 3 RD 1/7/26 INSURANCE	PROVIDES FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE OF COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR FIREFIGHTERS (COMMITTING TO RULES INSURES THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED PROMPTLY IN 2026 SESSION)	N	SUPPORT
S1825 ASHBY (R)	A3576 MILLER (D)	1/7/26 SEN BUDGET & REVENUE 1/7/26 ASSM WAYS & MEANS	RELATES TO USING A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGE TO SUPPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES; ESTABLISHES THE NEW YORK STATE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY FUND.	N	WHILE A NOBEL GESTURE THESE FUNDS SHOULD GO BACK TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTY 911 CENTERS.
S8016 COMRIE (D)	A4129 SAYEGH (D)	1/7/26 SEN TRANSPORTATION 1/7/26 ASSM TRANSPORTATION	INCREASES THE PENALTIES FOR ASSAULT ON POLICE OFFICERS, PEACE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS CAUSING PHYSICAL INJURY OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY.	N	SUPPORT
S3527 ORTT (R)	A4720 BOLOGNA (R)	1/7/26 SEN BUDGET & REVENUE 1/7/26 ASSM WAYS & MEANS	ESTABLISHES A MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT TAX CREDIT FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS WHO USE PERSONAL VEHICLES FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE DUTIES.	N	SUPPORT WHERE DOES THE FUNDING COME FROM?
S217 HELMING (R)	A7908 DESTEFANO (R)	1/7/26 SEN HIGHER ED CMTE 1/7/26 ASSM ED CMTE	TO ALLOW COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY) SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS THAT WOULD PROVIDE ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A SERVICE LEARNING, INTERNSHIP, OR INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM IN RELATION TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE, AS PRESCRIBED BY REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES.	N	SUPPORT
S1606 BORRELLO (R)	A7432 HAWLEY (R)	1/7/26 LOCAL GOVT CMTE 1/7/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	PROVIDES THAT EACH FIRE DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT OR COMPANY REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ENHANCED CANCER DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS PURSUANT TO SECTION TWO HUNDRED FIVE-CC OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT BY THE STATE FOR PAYMENTS MADE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE INSURANCE COVERAGE	N	STRONGLY SUPPORT

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			NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED FIVE-CC OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.		
S111 GALLIVAN (R)	A6728 CHLUDZINSKI (R)	1/8/25 SEN CODES CMTE 3/11/25 ASSM GOVTL OPERATIONS CMTE	RESTORES SECTION 50-A TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS LAW PERTAINING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONNEL RECORDS TO INCLUDE FIREFIGHTERS.	N	SUPPORT
S5698 SKOUFIS (D)	A2570 DINOWITZ (D)	1/7/26 SEN CODES CMTE 1/7/26 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	PROVIDES THAT A PERSON IS GUILTY OF CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION IN THE SECOND DEGREE WHEN A PERSON PRETENDS TO BE A SERVICEMEMBER OR FORMER SERVICEMEMBER, OR A FIRST RESPONDER, OR AS HAVING RECEIVED A DECORATION OR MEDAL; ESTABLISHES A STOLEN VALOR FEE.	N	SUPPORT
S458 PALUMBO (R)	A5772 GIGLIO (R)	1/7/26 LOCAL GOVT 1/7/26 REAL PROPERTY TAX CMTE	THIS BILL WOULD AMEND SECTION 412(A) OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW BY REQUIRING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PROJECTS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY TO BE SUBJECT TO FIRE DISTRICT AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT TAXES.	N	SUPPORT
S1626 BORRELLO (R)	A2323 HAWLEY (R)	1/7/26 SEN ENV CONS 1/7/26 ENV CON CMTE	PROHIBITS THE DEC FROM RESTRICTING THE BURNING OF GARBAGE, REFUSE OR RUBBISH IN AN OPEN FIRE ON LAND POSSESSED BY A SINGLE FAMILY OR ANY PART OF A FARM UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDES FOR THE REPEAL OF SUCH PROVISIONS UNDER THE EXPIRATION THEREOF.	N	MONITOR
S3435 HELMING (R)	A4220 JENSEN (R)	1/7/26 SEN FINANCE 1/7/26 ASSM GOVTL OPS	ESTABLISHES THE FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM AND THE FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION FUND; MAKES AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.	N	SUPPORT
S3083 HELMING (R)	A2079 MANKTELOW (R)	1/7/26 SEN LOCAL GOVT 1/7/26 ASSM LOC GOVT	CURRENT LAWS PROHIBIT STUDENT VOLUNTEERS TO OBSERVE AN ACTIVE EMERGENCY. THIS BILL WILL ALLOW OBSERVATION OF AN ACTIVE EMERGENCY WITH STIPULATIONS THAT WILL BE REGULATED BY THE CHIEF, WHICH WILL INCLUDE SAFEAREAS FOR THE VOLUNTEER TO OBSERVE AND STILL ALLOW FOR A LEARNING EXPERIENCE.	N	SUPPORT
S4049 SKOUFIS (D)	A1066 BUTTENSCHON (D)	1/7/26 SEN LOCAL GOVT 1/7/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	RELATES TO REQUIRING COVERAGE FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS FOR FULL CANCER SCREENINGS UPON ENTRY OF SERVICE TO A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIRE COMPANY AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER; PROVIDES THAT THE COSTS OF SUCH SCREENINGS SHALL BE COVERED BY THE STATE.	N	SUPPORT
NSA	A550 PAULIN (D)	BILL NOT ACTIVE IN CURRENT SESSION NEEDS NEW SPONSOR 1/7/26 ASSM TRANS CMTE	TO REQUIRE THAT EVERY FOR HIRE VEHICLE OPERATED OR DRIVEN UPON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF THE STATE WITH A CHASSIS WHICH, WAS MANUFACTURED AND THEN ALTERED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING TEN OR MORE OCCUPANTS, INCLUDING THE DRIVER BE EQUIPPED WITH AN OPERABLE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR.	N	SUPPORT
BILLS IN SENATE CHAMBER ONLY					
S2261 COONEY (D)	NSA	3/5/26 PASSED SENATE 3/5/26 ASSM TRANSPORTATION CMTE	AN ACT TO AMEND THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, IN RELATION TO AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF PAID PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS WHO DIED IN THE LINE-OF-DUTY	N	SUPPORT

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S7930 SKOUFIS (D)	NSA	3/10/26 SEN FINANCE CMTE	AUTHORIZES RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS TO BE EMPLOYED AS FIRE SCIENCE INSTRUCTORS BY CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTERS WITHOUT A REDUCTION OF THEIR RETIREMENT BENEFITS.	N	SUPPORT
S214 HELMING (R)	NSA	1/7/26 TRANSPORTATION CMTE	MODIFY SECTION 375 OF THE V&T LAW TO ALLOW EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE EMERGENCY LIGHT IN THEIR CIVILIAN/PRIVATE VEHICLES.	N	SUPPORT
BILLS IN ASSEMBLY CHAMBER ONLY					
NSA	A8399 MAGNARELLI (D)	3/9/26 REF TO SEN TRANSPORTATION 3/9/26 PASSED ASSEMBLY	TO ALLOW FUNDRAISING ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS FOR FIRE COMPANIES, VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES, AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ON HIGHWAYS NOT EXCEEDING 30 MILES PER HOUR OUTSIDE CITIES AND VILLAGES SO LONG AS THE TOWN HAS NOT PASSED A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING IT	N	SUPPORT
S9664 HINCHEY (D)	A10990 SANTABARBARA (D)	4/1/26 SEN HEALTH 4/14/26 ASSM HEALTH CMTE	ESTABLISHES THE NEW YORK STATE RURAL AMBULANCE SERVICES TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT ANNUAL STUDIES ON THE AVAILABILITY OF AMBULANCE SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS UPON THE FINDINGS OF SUCH STUDIES; REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT DETAILING THE FINDINGS OF SUCH STUDIES.	N	SUPPORT
S9502A MARTINEZ (D)	A10885B STERN (D)	6/2/26 PASSED SENATE 6/1/26 PASSED ASSEMBLY	Surviving spouses of police officers AND FIREFIGHTERS killed in the line of duty. 1. After the local legislative body of a county, city, town, or village passes a local law, or a school district passes a resolution, notwithstanding any other provision of law, real property owned by a surviving spouse of a police officer OR FIREFIGHTER killed in the line of duty, and constituting the primary residence of such surviving spouse shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of fifty per centum of the assessed valuation thereof.	N	TO GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE EXEMPTION IS CONTINGENT ON ACTIONS OF EACH LOCAL AHJ PASSING IT!!
NSA	A9052 DURSO (R)	2/22/26 E/NACTING CLAUSE STRICKEN, BILL DEAD	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAW, IN RELATION TO GRANTING CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDERS, A RESIDENT OF NEW YORK STATE WHO IS A RETIRED, PAID OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, FREE USE OF STATE PARKS AND CAMPSITES	N	WHAT THE HELL IS A RETIRED VOLUNTEER?
NSA	A10059 SOLANGES (D)	1/30/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT CMTE	AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 55 OF THE LAWS/ OF 2022, AMENDING THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND THE TOWN LAW RELATING TO AUTHORIZING FEES AND CHARGES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, IN RELATION TO MAKING SUCH PROVISIONS PERMANENT	N	SUPPORT
NSA	A9336 SOLANGES (D)	1/7/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	A DEDICATED STATE INVESTMENT IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENTS CAN MAINTAIN SAFE, MODERN FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT. STRENGTHENING THESE DEPARTMENTS DIRECTLY ENHANCES PUBLIC SAFETY, IMPROVES EMERGENCY RESPONSE, AND SUPPORTS THE VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS FUNDING WILL HELP ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS ACROSS NEW YORK CONTINUE TO RECEIVE DEPENDABLE AND EFFECTIVE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES.	N	SUPPORT

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NSA	A942 ANGELINO (R)	1/7/26 ASSM GOVTL OPS	THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A STATEWIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE TASK FORCE COMPRISED OF EIGHT MEMBERS WHO SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN FOCUSING ON THE STANDARDS AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW YORK.	N	SUPPORT BEWARE THIS IS THE STATE SOLVING THE LACK OF VOLUNTEER PROBLEM
NSA	A1053A STECK (D)	1/7/26 ORDERED TO 3 RD READING	RELATES TO THE RECALL OF A CLASS B FIREFIGHTING FOAM; PROHIBITS THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF FIREFIGHTING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT THAT CONTAINS INTENTIONALLY ADDED PFAS.	N	SUPPORT BUT WILL INCREASE COST OF TURN OUTS
NSA	A1986 ROSENTHAL (D)	1/7/26 ASSM WAYS & MEANS	EXEMPTS THE SALE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, SMOKE ALARMS, HEAT SENSORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE ONLY FROM STATE SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES.	N	STRONGLY SUPPORT
NSA	A2068 MANKTELOW (R)	1/7/26 ASSM GOVTL EMPLOYEES CMTE	AUTHORIZES EXCUSED LEAVE FOR CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR VOLUNTEER EMS/RESCUE SQUADS DURING DECLARED STATES OF EMERGENCY AT THE FEDERAL, STATE OR MUNICIPAL LEVEL.	N	SUPPORT
NSA	A4414A BOLOGNA (R)	3/3/26 AMEND AND COMMITT TO LABOR	PERMITS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TO ATTEND MANDATORY TRAINING UNDER 19 NYCRR 426 WITHOUT RISK OF EMPLOYER PENALTIES; ESTABLISHES TAX INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.	N	SUPPORT
NSA	A6038 WOERNER (D)	1/7/26 ASSM RACING & WAGERING	EASES CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE CONDUCTING OF GAMES OF CHANCE FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES; AUTHORIZES THE PAYMENT, OUT OF THE NET PROCEEDS OF GAMES OF CHANCE, OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES OF VOLUNTEERS WORKING AT THE GAMES; EXPANDS THE FREQUENCY UPON WHICH GAMES OF CHANCE MAY BE HELD; AUTHORIZES AUXILIARY MEMBERS OF AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATIONS TO OPERATE GAMES OF CHANCE	N	SUPPORT
NSA	A9337 SOLAGES (D)	1/7/26 LOCAL GOVT CMTE	RELATES TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS FOR GENERAL AMBULANCE SERVICES IN ANY COUNTY, CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE LOCATED WITHIN THE ADIRONDACK PARK; REQUIRES A REPORT ON ISSUES OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND AMBULANCE SERVICES STAFFING.	N	SUPPORT
NSA	A3624 BRABENEC (R)	1/7/26 LOCAL GOVT	THIS BILL WOULD PUT THE COST OF ANY DAMAGED OR LOST EQUIPMENT, DERIVED FROM THE REQUEST OF FIRE AID OR POLICE AID PURSUANT, ON THE REQUESTING COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE OR FIRE DISTRICT.	N	MONITOR
NSA	A4201 REILLY (R)	1/7/26 ASSM CODES	ESTABLISHES THE CRIME OF STALKING A POLICE OFFICER, PEACE OFFICER, CORRECTION OFFICER OR FIREFIGHTER TO INCLUDE INTENT TO HARASS, ANNOY OR ALARM A POLICE OFFICER, PEACE OFFICER, CORRECTION OFFICER, FIREFIGHTER OR AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF A POLICE OFFICER, PEACE OFFICER, CORRECTION OFFICER OR FIREFIGHTER, INTENTIONALLY ENGAGING IN	N	SUPPORT

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			A COURSE OF CONDUCT DIRECTED AT SUCH PERSON WHICH IS LIKELY TO CAUSE SUCH PERSON TO REASONABLY FEAR PHYSICAL INJURY OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY, THE COMMISSION OF A SEX OFFENSE AGAINST, OR THE KIDNAPPING, UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT OR DEATH OF SUCH PERSON OR A MEMBER OF SUCH PERSON'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY.		
NSA	A132 ANGELINO (R)	1/7/26 TRANSPORTATION	AUTHORIZES THE CREATION AND ISSUANCE OF A DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATE FOR FIRE POLICE.	N	SUPPORT NO MENTION OF COST IN RELATION TO SAID PLATES
NSA	A159 ANGELINO (R)	1/7/26 TRANSPORTATION	ALLOWS POLICE VEHICLES TO HAVE ONE MORE FORWARD FACING BLUE LIGHTS	N	SUPPORT AS LONG AS FUTURE LEGISLATION DOES NOT EXTINGUISH BLUE LIGHTS FOR VOLUNTEERS
TOXIC BILLS 					
NSA	A10817 JENSEN (R)	4/1/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	AN ACT TO AMEND THE TOWN LAW, IN RELATION TO REQUIRING FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS OCCUR ON THE SAME DAY AS SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS AND REQUIRES SUCH ELECTIONS BE RUN BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The County Board of Elections shall determine where the election takes place. Polls shall be open from 7am until 9pm County BOE's will provide absentee ballots 	N	OPPOSE THIS FOR MANY REASONS BUT WILL CAUSE MUCH CONFUSION WITH VOTERS
S6716 JACKSON (D)	A3786 WEPRIN (D)	1/7/26 SEN INSURANCE CMTE 1/7/26 ASSM INSURANCE CMTE	RELATES TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAXES; PROVIDES THAT A PERCENTAGE OF FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAXES BE PAID TO THE TREASURER OF THE NYS PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE, SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN THE WELL-BEING OF PAID PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYED IN THE STATE.	N	OPPOSE WHY DOES THE UNION NEED A CUT WHEN EACH CAREER DEPARTMENT IS GETTING A PORTION?
BUILDING CODE RELATED BILLS					
S6368B SKOUFIS (D)	A3126B LUNDSFORD (D)	4/22/26 PASSED SENATE 3/30/26 PASSED ASSEMBLY	REQUIRES THAT WHEN A COMPLAINT IS MADE TO LOCAL CODE ENFORCEMENT OF A VIOLATION OF THE UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE OR A LOCAL CODE WHICH RESULTS IN THE ISSUANCE OF A COMPLIANCE ORDER, THE COMPLAINANT SHALL ALSO BE PROVIDED A COPY OF SUCH ORDER.	N	TO GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE
S4534 SKOUFIS (D)	A5289 MCDONALD (D)	4/13/26 PASSED SENATE	THIS BILL WOULD STRENGTHEN THE STATE'S OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OVER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM CODE BY EXPANDING THE ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.	N	MONITOR

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		5/27/26 REPORTED AND REFERRED TO CODES			
NSA	A9221 BOLOGNA (R)	4/28/26 HELD FOR CONSIDERATION ASSM ENERGY CMTE	REPEALS PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATING TO PROHIBITING THE INSTALLATION OF FOSSIL-FUEL EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING SYSTEMS IN NEW CONSTRUCTION AND TO ESTABLISHING DECARBONIZATION ACTION PLANS FOR STATE-OWNED FACILITIES.	N	SUPPORT
S6906 HARCKHAM (D)	A8586 CARROLL, P (D)	1/7/26 SEN HOUSING & COMM DEVELOPMENT 1/7/26 GOVTL OPERATIONS CMTE	THIS BILL WOULD REQUIRE THAT STAFFING LEVELS ARE SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE ACT.	N	STRONGLY SUPPORT
S3411 COMRIE (D)	A4020 BERGER (D)	1/7/26 BUDGET & REVENUE 1/7/26 ASSM WAYS & MEANS	PROVIDES A TAX CREDIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.	N	STRONGLY SUPPORT
S7827 SCARCELL-SPANTON (D)	A1763 COLTON (D)	1/7/26 SENATE INSURANCE CMTE 1/7/26 ASSM INSURANCE CMTE	REQUIRES INSURERS TO PROVIDE ACTUARIALLY APPROPRIATE DISCOUNTS ON FIRE AND HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PREMIUMS TO THOSE HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED A RESIDENTIAL HOME SAFETY AND LOSS PREVENTION COURSE;	N	SUPPORT
S3212 KAVANAGH (D)	A7059 MCDONALD (D)	2/9/26 SEN FINANCE CMTE 2/9/26 COMMITTED TO FINANCE	PROVIDES FOR STATE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODES USING MONIES PAID INTO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNT.	N	STRONGLY SUPPORT
S6793 JACKSON (D)	A7505 ROSENTHAL (D)	1/7/26 SEN TRANSPORTATION 1/7/26 ASSM TRANS CMTE	ENACTS THE COMMUNITY GRIDLOCK PREVENTION ACT, WHICH REQUIRES ALL LAND USE ACTIONS TO INCLUDE AN INTERSECTION AND RESPONSE TIME OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IMPACT STUDY IN ADDITION TO ANY EXISTING REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STATEMENT OR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.	N	MONITOR
S296 OBERACKER (R)	A1489 ANGELINO (R)	1/7/26 SEN CODES CMTE 1/7/26 ASSM CODES CMTE	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENAL LAW, IN RELATION TO ELEVATING AN ASSAULT OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL TO THE CLASS D FELONY OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE	N	SUPPORT
S1886 WAKCZYK (R)	A3832 GRAY (R)	1/7/26 SEN ENERGY CMTE 1/7/26 ENERGY CMTE	REQUIRES SOLAR FACILITIES TO CONSPICUOUSLY POST SAFETY DATA SHEETS IN AREAS THAT MAY BE ACCESSED BY EMERGENCY RESPONDERS IN THE CASE OF A FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY.	N	SUPPORT

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S2188 PALUMBO (D)	NSA	1/7/26 JUDICIARY CMTE	GIVES JUSTICE COURTS LIMITED EQUITY POWERS TO COMPEL COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL ZONING, BUILDING AND FIRE PREVENTION CODES; GRANTS JUSTICE COURTS THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE INJUNCTIONS AND TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS RELATING THERETO.	N	SUPPORT
NSA	A2586 KELLES (D)	1/7/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	SECTION THREE AMENDS THE TOWN LAW TO PROHIBIT TOWNS FROM ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM LOT SIZE OF GREATER THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET IF A LOT HAS ACCESS TO SEWER AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE OR 20,000 SQUARE FEET IN ANY OTHER AREA.	N	LIMITS HOME RULE BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT
NSA	A5797 GIGLIO (D)	1/7/26 ASSM GOVTL OPS CMTE	SECTION ONE OF THE BILL AMENDS SECTION 378 OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW BY ADDING TWO NEW SUBDIVISIONS: 5-E REQUIRES THAT THE OWNER OF MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS OF OVER TWO STORIES INSTALLS AN AUTOMATIC FIRE PREVENTION SYSTEM, AND 5-F REQUIRES THAT THE OWNER INSTALLS EMERGENCY FIRE ESCAPES ON EACH FLOOR.	N	SUPPORT THIS GOING TO BE FOUGHT TO THE END SINCE IT APPLIES TO EXISTING STRUCTURES
NSA	A4268 CUNNINGHAM (D)	1/7/26 ASSM HOUSING	REQUIRES WINDOWS IN NEWLY CONSTRUCTED MULTIPLE DWELLINGS WITH TWO OR MORE STORIES TO BE FITTED WITH KEY-OPERATED WINDOW LOCKS THAT RESTRICT THE WINDOW FROM OPENING MORE THAN FOUR INCHES.	N	SUPPORT BUT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE AND INCREASE HOUSING COSTS
NSA	A1753 RAJKUMAR (D)	1/7/26 ASSM WAYS & MEANS CMTE	ENACTS THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE PREVENTION ACT; PROVIDES A TAX CREDIT TO HOMEOWNERS WHO REMOVE COCK LOFT FIRE HAZARDS IN THEIR HOMES; PROVIDES AN INSURANCE DISCOUNT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SMOKE DETECTING ALARM DEVICES IN COCK LOFTS; PROVIDES THAT THE REPAIR OF COCK LOFTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY SHALL BE QUALIFYING EXPENDITURES UNDER STATE HOUSING PROGRAMS.	N	SUPPORT
NSA	A1243 TAPIA (D)	1/7/26 ASSM WAYS&MEANS CMTE	ESTABLISHES THE BUILDING AND FIRE CODE ADHERENCE TAX CREDIT WHICH PROVIDES A TAX CREDIT TO PROPERTY OWNERS WHO SPEND MONEY TO UPDATE A PROPERTY TO ADHERE TO CURRENT APPLICABLE BUILDING AND FIRE CODES.	N	SUPPORT
Li ION (LIB) RELATED LEGISLATION					
S8832 KAVANAGH	A9504 GLICK	1/21/26 PASSED SENATE 2/10/26 PASSED ASSEMBLY	THIS CHAPTER AMENDMENT MAKES RETAILERS' ACCEPTANCE OF E-BIKE AND E-SCOOTER BATTERIES VOLUNTARY. ANY COLLECTION SITES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MINIMIZE CO-LOCATION WITH RESIDENTIAL HOUSING TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, BE CONVENIENT FOR CONSUMERS AND COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE FIRE SAFETY AND BUILDING CODES.	N	2/13/26 SIGNED CHAPTER 87
S7197A ADDABBO (D)	A6955C WILLIAMS (D)	2/11/26 AMENDED ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS CMTE	DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PROMULGATE RULES, REGULATIONS AND MODEL POLICIES REGARDING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SITING OF BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS AND FOR FINANCIAL SURETY REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRES MINIMUM SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR	N	SUPPORT

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		2/9/26 ASSM AMEND & RECOMMIT TO ENERGY	COMMERCIAL ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS, WITH A CAPACITY OF FIVE MEGAWATTS OR GREATER, OF NO LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND FEET FROM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; REQUIRES PUBLIC HEARINGS PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT FOR SUCH SYSTEMS.		
S8573 CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK	A157 PIROZZOLO (R)	1/7/26 SEN RULES 1/7/26 ASSM TRANSPORTATION CMTE	TO REQUIRE THOROUGH SAFETY INSPECTIONS OF SITES THAT HOUSE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES LOCATED IN RICHMOND COUNTY WITHIN ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 63. THIS BILL ALSO REQUIRES RICHMOND COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A HAZARDS ANNEX TO THE RICHMOND COUNTY EMERGENCY PLAN TO PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL LITHIUM-ION BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY EMERGENCIES	N	SUPPORT
S1738 FAHY (D)	A8954 MCDONALD (D)	1/7/26 SEN CODES CMTE 1/7/26 ASSM CODES	CATEGORIZES THE ASSAULT OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING INSPECTION PERFORMING THEIR LAWFUL DUTIES UNDER SUCH POSITION AS A CLASS D FELONY.	N	SUPPORT
NSA	A6255 PALMESANO (D)	1/7/26 ASSM ENV CONSERVATION	CREATES THE COMMISSION ON BATTERY FIRE SAFETY PRACTICES TO EVALUATE THE NEED FOR RESOURCES FOR POLICE, VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CONCERNING HEALTH AND SAFETY BEST PRACTICES WHEN RESPONDING TO LITHIUM-ION BATTERY INCIDENTS.	N	MONITOR DO WE REALLY NEED ANOTHER COMMISSION WE CAN'T ASSIGN IT TO AN ESTABLISHED GROUP?
NSA	A155 PIROZZOLO (R)	1/7/26 ASSM TRANSPORTATION CMTE	DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS AND FEES FOR ELECTRIC PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES, AND LICENSURE PROCESS FOR ELECTRIC PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICE OPERATORS. SETS PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.	N	INDIRECT CONSUMER TAX
NSA	A252 EACHUS (D)	1/7/26 ASSM TRANSPORTATION CMTE	REQUIRES THE USE OF A FIRE-RESISTANT BLANKET, BAG OR CONTAINER WHEN CHARGING A BICYCLE WITH ELECTRIC ASSIST OR AN ELECTRIC SCOOTER.	N	DIFFICULT TO INFORCE PRE- INCIDENT
S3761 CLEARE (D)	NSA	1/7/26 SEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	REQUIRES THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF OUTDOOR LITHIUM-ION BATTERY CHARGING STATIONS AT MULTIPLE DWELLINGS AS PART OF THE STATE UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE; PROHIBITS CHARGING LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES USED IN POWERED MOBILITY DEVICES INSIDE OF MULTIPLE DWELLINGS.	N	SUPPORT
PROPOSED ENTICEMENTS TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE					
SEE THREE BELOW PROPOSED BILLS			ENHANCED TAX CREDITS WITH A MINIMUM OF \$800 INCOME TAX CREDIT	N	
S6233 MARTINEZ (D)	A6790 MCMAHON (D)	6/1/26 PASSED SENATE 5/14/26 PASSED ASSEMBLY	INCREASE INCOME TAX FOR 1ST RESPONDERS THIS BILL INCREASES THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS' PERSONAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FROM \$200 TO \$800 FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND FROM \$400 TO \$1600 FOR ELIGIBLE MARRIED JOINT FILERS.	Y	TO GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE

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S1123 OBERACKER (R)	A1064 ANGELINO (R)	1/7/26 BUDGET & REVENUE 4/22/26 BILL DEAD MOTION TO DISCHARGE LOST	INCREASE RESPONDER INCOME TAX CREDIT PROVIDES A STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT OF UP TO \$2,500 FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING FOR A MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS.	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT
NSA	A28 BURDICK (D)	1/7/26 WAYS & MEANS	INCOME TAX CREDIT PROPOSAL THIS PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE A PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM OF CREDITS FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO ATTEND AT LEAST FORTY PERCENT OF THE ACTIVITIES AND ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF SERVICE. THE CREDIT BEGINS AT \$250 AFTER THE FIRST YEAR OF SERVICE AND GOES TO \$2,500 FOR TEN OR MORE YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE SERVICE.	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT
NP (NONE PROPOSED)	NP		\$50 CREDIT FOR EACH 4 HOUR DUTY SHIFT UP TO A SET ANNUAL MAXIMUM OF ?	N	
NP	NP		\$5,000 CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT FOR DAYCARE EXPENSES BY VOLUNTEERS	N	
NP	NP		EXEMPTIONS ON MORTGAGE RECORDING TAXES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PRIMARY RESIDENCE FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS	N	
NP	NP		STATE INCOME TAX EXEMPT REIMBURSEMENT BY THE AHJ TO VOLUNTEERS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED WHILE VOLUNTEERING UP TO THE THE FEDERAL 1099 THRESHOLD	N	
NP	NP		LOSAP ADJUSTMENT CREATING A NEW POINT CATEGORY OFR ON-CALL DUTY SHIFTS	N	
NP	NP		A MEASURE TO STOP MUNICIPALITIES AND EMPLOYERS FROM PROHIBITING EMPLOYEES FROM SERVING AS VOLUNTEERS IN THEIR HOME COMMUNITIES	N	
NP	NP		CREATE OPTION FOR COUNTY/LOCAL EXEMPTION FOR RECORDING FEES ON THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE	N	
NP	NP		EMPLOYER TAX INCENTIVE FOR BUSINESS TO HIRE VOLUNTEER 1 ST RESPONDERS AND PROTECT THEIR RIGHT TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES DURING BUSINESS HOURS.	N	
S6019 BASKIN (D)	A288 BARRETT (D)	6/3/26 PASSED SENATE 1/7/26 ASSM WAYS & MEANS	TAX CREDIT FOR INCOME & PROPERTY TAX CURRENT NYS TAX LAW PROHIBITS THE ABILITY FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS TO RECEIVE BOTH THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS TAX CREDIT AND A LOCALLY ENACTED REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION. THIS BILL WOULD ALLOW FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS TO RECEIVE BOTH.	Y	SUPPORT
NP	NP	SEE BELOW PROPOSED LEGISLATION	BRING VFBL PAYMENTS UP TO WORKMAN'S COMP LEVEL, EQUALIZE PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY INJURED VOLUNTEERS	N	
NSA	A1849 STECK (D)	1/7/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	INCREASE VFBL PAYMENTS TO FIREFIGHTERS INCREASES TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT DISABILITY PAYMENTS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS, AND SPECIFIES WEEKLY	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT

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		PAYMENT AMOUNTS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON OR AFTER JULY FIRST, 2026			
S10597 MARTINEZ (D)	A10630A SOLAGES (D)	5/28/26 REFERRED TO SEN LOCAL GOVT 5/29/26 AMEND AND SEND TO ASSM LOCAL GOVT CMTE	ADDITIONAL STIPENDS FOR VOLUNTEERS AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' BENEFIT LAW AND THE TOWN LAW, IN RELATION TO PROVIDING PAY PER CALL AND PAID ON CALL STIPENDS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT FOR CALL RESPONSE. ALLOWS AN AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION OVER A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIRE COMPANY IN A COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE, FIRE DISTRICT, OR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WITH A STIPEND FOR RESPONSES TO CALLS AND FOR CERTAIN STANDBY SERVICES.	Y	STRONGLY SUPPORT
NSA	A10591 BEEPHAN (R)	3/13/26 ASSM LOCAL GOVT CMTE	<u>AUTHORIZE STIPENDS FOR VOLUNTEERS</u> TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES AND FIRE DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH A STIPENDPROGRAM THAT PROVIDES NOMINAL COMPENSATION TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS FORSCHEDULED DUTY COVERAGE WHILE PRESERVING THEIR STATUS AS VOLUNTEERS.	<u>Y</u>	STRONGLY SUPPORT
NP	NP		IN ALL LOCAL COMPENSATION-BASED PROPOSALS, CREATE A STATE-FUNDED REIMBURSEMENT MECHANISM TO ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN OFFERING THIS INCENTIVE IF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET IS BELOW THE \$400,000	N	
NP	NP		PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS AND STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMS WORKERS, WITH ELIGIBILITY FOR SUCH BENEFIT CERTIFIED BY THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION.	N	

EDITOR'S COMMENTARY:

- Not a good year for the fire service, of course the budget was later than ever. The majority is not helping the volunteer fire service.
- Note that no matter what the bill relates to, it can be discharged from committee if it's sponsored by a Republican.
- Out of 60 fire service related bills introduced in this legislative session, 1 has passed both chambers, 2 have passed in the assembly and 6 have passed in the senate. A dismal record to say the least.
- A "motion to discharge lost" in the Democratically controlled state assembly killed the bill which would have provided a \$2500 income tax deduction when the sponsors attempted to force a bill out of a committee and onto the floor for a direct vote has failed. The bill remains stuck in the committee and will likely not move forward, effectively stalling or killing the legislation
- The legislature has been off for two weeks coming back into session next week. That means no committee work or floor votes have taken place.
- The majority party doesn't help the volunteer fire service when they corral a bill and don't let the committee process work, the bill never sees the light of day or can come to the floor of either chamber for a fair vote. Limits the progress of the volunteer fire service.
- With all eyes on the budget process, not much happening with legislation, committee meetings and the passage of legislation to assist the volunteer fire service. The budget process will drag on until at least April 1st.

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- While you might think that the governor is your friend when it comes to legislation but it takes the Majority Leader to get legislation considered in a committee, or the Speaker of the Assembly. So three leaders have to play a role.
- Very little committee work being done, all attention is being focused on Budget negotiations.
- While there is much lobby pressure to bury many of the volunteer enticements in the budget bill, nothing is moving since all the fire service organizations are not in lock step.
- Recognize that the legislature is only in session until the first week of June and they are in session no more than 4 days a week, including committee meetings.