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Senate Bill #	Assembly Bill #	Status	Description	United Concern?	Support Status
<b>TWO CHAMBER BILLS</b>					
<b>S3047 LITTLE</b>	<b>A5058 GALEF</b>	<b>1/19/17 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMMITTEE 2/6/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Sets forth provisions for absentee ballots for fire district elections and improvement district elections.</b>	<b>N</b>	
<b>S1411 GRIFFO</b>	<b>A711 GUNTHER</b>	<b>1/24/17 SEN PASSED</b> 1/9/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	Expands the coverage to include cancer of the lymphatic or hematological systems, the digestive, urinary, prostate, neurological, breast or reproductive systems or melanoma [SOME OF THE CONCERNS ARE COST TO COUNTIES AND A CONCERN THAT COST WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO VFBL INSURERS AWAY FROM THE PRIMARY INS COVERAGE]	<b>Y</b>	
<b>NO SAME AS</b>	<b>A711A GUNTHER</b>	<b>6/9/17 AMENDED TO ASSM LOCAL GOVT</b>	An act to amend the general municipal law and the tax law, in relation to the "New York state volunteer firefighter gap coverage cancer disability benefits act" To create the New York State Volunteer Firefighter Gap Coverage Cancer Disability Benefits Act to provide volunteer firefighters who develop certain forms of cancer with enhanced disability benefits.	<b>Y</b>	
<b>S1195 AVELLA</b>	<b>A1451 CAHILL</b>	<b>1/24/17 PASSED SENATE</b> 1/12/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	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	<b>N</b>	
<b>S899 CROCI</b>	<b>A3513 MURRAY</b>	<b>3/13/17 PASSED SENATE</b> 1/27/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	Changes the volunteer ambulance service award program to require a mandatory referendum for certain changes and authorizes a lowering of the entitlement to age 55.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S1022 FUNKE</b>	<b>A6756</b>	<b>2/14/17 PASSED SENATE</b> 2/14/17 ASSM CODES COMMITTEE 02/14/2017 PASSED SENATE 02/14/2017 DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY 05/24/2017 passed assembly 05/24/2017 returned to senate 7/25/2017 Signed Chapter 124	Establishes a person who intentionally obstructs the efforts of any firefighter performing emergency medical care on a sick or injured person is guilty of the crime of obstructing firefighting operations.	<b>N</b>	<b>Signed Chapter 124 7/25/2017</b> 

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S1642 CARLUCCI	A1310 ZEBROWSKI	3/22/17 PASSED ASSEMBLY 3/29/17 PASSED SENATE	PROVIDES FOR THE SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION FOR FAILING TO UPHOLD THE DUTIES OF A CEO INCLUDING ERRORS OR OMISSIONS AFTER A HEARING.	N	
S1185 MARCELLINO	No same as	3/22/17 PASSED SENATE 1/22/17 DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION NO SPONSOR	Exempts operators of law enforcement and fire department vessels from laws which regulate vessels on the navigable waters of the state while responding to emergencies	N	
S2571 HELMING	A7085 OAKS	3/23/17 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING IN SENATE 4/4/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVTS COMMITTEE	Relates to youth programs sponsored by fire departments; provides that participants may respond to an emergency or hazardous activity, but shall remain in a designated or marked off area that has been set up by the chief or officer in charge; provides such participant cannot respond to an emergency on a vehicle using lights and/or sirens; furthermore, such participants may not enter a burning structure.	N	
S1423 AVELLA	A5378 CAHILL	1/9/17 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2/8/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVT OPERATIONS	Requires colleges and universities to construct and retrofit sprinkler systems in all dormitories.	N	
S1815 KENNEDY	A6897 DENDECKER	1/11/17 SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVT OPERATIONS COMM 3/24/17 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Exempts the amount of any service award paid to any volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker from personal income tax.	N	
S4564 GOLDEN	A6501 ABBATE	2/17/17 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM 3/7/17 ASSM GOVT EMPLOYEES 6/6/17 – Referred to Assembly Ways & Means	Provides disability or death of certain firemen from cancer disabilities assumed to be occupational. Applies only to career firefighters.	Y	
S1707 MARCHIONE	A3799 JAFFEE	1/11/17 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM 1/30/17 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	ENACTS THE TWO PERCENT IS TWO PERCENT PROPERTY TAX CAP ACT, RELATING TO THE FORMULA FOR THE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP	N	
S363 LITTLE	A7717 JONES	3/7/17 SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE 5/11/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMMITTEE	Provides that authorities having control of a fire department or fire company which provide emergency medical services may establish fees and charges for services	Y	
S742 RITCHIE	A3368 BRINDISI	1/4/17 – SEN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION 1/27/17 ASSM ENVIRON CONSERVATION	Prohibits the use of chemical flame retardants on residential upholstered furniture.	Y	
S3904 GRIFFO	A6367 MAGNARELLI	1/30/17 SEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT 3/6/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVERNMENT	Provides total disability benefits or temporary total disability for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers for injuries sustained on or after July 1, 2017 will receive \$650 weekly.	Y	

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<b>S774 CARLUCCI</b>	<b>A1490 ZEBROWSKI</b>	1/4/17 SEN HOUSING CONST AND COMM DEVELOPMENT COMM 1/12/17 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	Expands remedies for violations of New York State uniform fire prevention and building code. The bill increases fines for code violations which create an immediate threat to the safety and welfare of the occupants.	<b>Y</b>	
<b>S4562 LITTLE</b>	<b>A6824 HUNTER</b>	2/17/17 SEN COMM ON HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION & COMM DEVELOPMENT 3/21/17 ASM GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE	Directs the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council to adopt the most current version of the building, fire prevention and energy codes within 12 months of publication.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S2978 LAVALLE</b>	<b>A2344 THIELE</b>	1/18/17 ASSM JUDICIARY COMM 1/18/17 SEN JUDICIARY COMM	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.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S5698 LAVALLE</b>	<b>A7459 MAGEE</b>	4/26/17 SEN Local Governments 4/26/17 ASSM Local Governments	Relates to compensation for Fire District Election Inspectors	<b>Y</b>	
<b>S1027 BONACIC</b>	<b>A386 GUNTHER</b>	1/6/17 SEN TRANSPORATION COMM 1/9/17 ASSM TRANSPORTATION COMM	Currently, organizations are only allowed to solicit for funds on public highways within a city or village. Many people fundraising in small towns on behalf of these organizations may be unknowingly breaking the law. This bill provides an exception to the prohibition on soliciting on highways outside cities and villages by allowing fire companies, volunteer ambulance services and non-profit organizations to do so as long as the town has not passed a local law prohibiting it.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S1114A AKSHAR</b>	<b>A2962A ABBATE</b>	1/27/17 AMENDED TO SEN CODES COMM 1/27/17 AMMNED TO ASSM CODES COMM	Designates offenses against law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel as hate crimes.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S724 O'MARA</b>	<b>A2290 MORELLE</b>	1/4/17 - SEN CODES 1/17/17 ASSM CODES	The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the regulatory "patchwork" that presently exists with counties in New York State by exempting "sparkling devices" from the definition of "fireworks" and "dangerous fireworks" in those counties that have not previously opted by local law pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision five of section 405.00 of chapter 477.	<b>N</b>	

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<b>S1654 CARLICCI</b>	<b>A3492 BRINDISI</b>	1/10/17 SEN HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 1/10/17 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS COMM	Establishes installation and maintenance standards for gas station fire suppression systems in opposition of what is in the current IFC which does not include such systems anywhere in the nation. The legislature is again in the codes business bowing to lobby pressure.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S745 RITCHIE</b>	<b>A732 GUNTHER</b>	1/4/17 SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS 1/9/17 ASSM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION	Relates to state aid for certain cities, towns, villages or fire districts adversely affected by a concentration of tax exempt property. Section 1 amends the Real Property Tax Law by adding a new Section 532-a providing that for any city, town, village, or fire district to be eligible for a new category of state aid at least 35 percent of the real property in the city, town, village, or fire district, by value, must be exempt from taxation. The funds available to assist eligible cities, towns, villages, or fire districts are allocated based on a formula. Fifty percent of the distribution is based on the town's population. The remaining 50 percent is based on the amount of tax exempt property in the town.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S3519 FLANAGAN</b>	<b>A3885 DENDEKKER</b>	1/30/17 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS COMM	TAX CREDIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SPRINKLERS IN RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES 25% OF LABOR AND MATERIALS IN COMMUNITIES WHERE SPRINKLERS ARE NOT ALREADY REQUIRED	<b>N</b>	
<b>S2907 RITCHIE</b>	<b>A1669 ZEBROWSKI</b>	1/8/17 SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVT OPS COMM 1/12/17 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Provides tax credit to certain volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers and volunteer emergency medical personnel	<b>N</b>	
<b>S3519 FLANAGAN</b>	<b>A3885 DENDEKKER</b>	1/30/17 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS COMM	TAX CREDIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SPRINKLERS IN RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES 25% OF LABOR AND MATERIALS IN COMMUNITIES WHERE SPRINKLERS ARE NOT ALREADY REQUIRED	<b>N</b>	
<b>S1994 OMARA</b>	<b>A4349 LOPEZ</b>	1/11/17 SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVT OPERATIONS COMM	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; establishes a volunteer recruitment service loan	<b>N</b>	

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			forgiveness program.		
<b>S6415 Heming</b>	<b>A7942 Gunther</b>	5/22/17 Passed Senate 6/21/17 Passed Assembly <b>7/25/2017 Signed Chapter 155</b>	Relates to authorizing firefighters who are members of a fire company or department of another state to provide assistance to volunteer fire companies or departments in this state. (Technical Clean-up bill from prior legislation vetoed by Governor in 2016)	<b>N</b>	No Position <b>Signed by Governor Chapter 155</b>
<b>S376 ORTT</b>	<b>A4715 ENGLEBRIGHT</b>	1/4/17 SEN HIGHER EDUCATION <b>2/3/17 ASSM HIGHER EDUCATION</b>	Extends tuition free course benefits to volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers. To allow active volunteer firefighters and active volunteer ambulance workers to audit courses at the State University of New York (SUNY) and at community colleges on a tuition-free basis.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S1423 AVELLA</b>	<b>A5378 CAHILL</b>	1/9/17 SEN HOUSING, CONST AND COMM DEVELOPMENT COMM 2/8/17 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	Requires colleges and universities to construct and retrofit sprinkler systems in all dormitories	<b>N</b>	
<b>S5698</b>					
<b>TOXIC BILLS</b>					
No same as	<b>A959 GALEF</b>	<b>1/10/17 ELECTION LAW</b>	<b>The county boards of elections will assume the responsibility for overseeing fire district elections. Such elections will take place on the days of village and town elections and in the registered voters' regular polling place. The fire district governing boards will provide the county boards of elections with the information necessary to administer such fire district elections. Voter access to fire district elections will increase as the fire district elections will take place on a date and location familiar to all voters, additional voting hours are provided and absentee ballot applications will be available.</b>	<b>N</b>	
No same as	<b>A1896 ABINANTI</b>	<b>1/13/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM</b>	<b>Requires the election of fire district commissioners to take place on the same date and at the same location as elections of school board members.</b>	<b>N</b>	

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<b>S2065 LAVALLE</b>	No same as	<b>1/11/17 SEN LOCAT GOVT COMM</b>	<b>ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS</b>	<b>N</b>	
<b>S1716 CARLUCCI</b>	No same as	<b>1/10/17 SEN LOCAL GOVT</b>	<b>The goal of this bill is to allow villages to dissolve but allow for continued services to a resulting Hamlet without resorting to the creation of other districts, such as water or fire districts, within the Town. This gives village residents a level of safety and comfort when confronting a decision on whether or not to dissolve a village.</b>	<b>N</b>	
<b>SENATE BILLS</b>					
<b>S6242 AKSHAR</b>	<b>A6242</b>	05/25/2017 referred to governmental employees	To require all fire chiefs in any fire department with one more paid fire fighters to have minimum qualifications. This legislation creates critical, yet basic, education, health and physical fitness training benchmarks for fire chiefs in any fire department, fire district, or fire protection district that employs one or more paid fire fighters in areas outside of New York City. In addition, this legislation required a minimum of five years as a lieutenant or higher prior to being promoted to chief. This ensures a transition where fire chiefs are learning necessary leadership skills at different levels within the organization. Currently, in New York State there are no training requirements to become a fire chief of a combination department (mix of volunteers and professional firefighters). This potential lack of training or understanding of fire situations can seriously jeopardize the lives of the brave men and women on the scene of a fire under the direction of the chief.		 <b>TOO MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS</b>
<b>S1771 CARLUCCI</b>	No same as	1/10/17 HOUSING CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMM	Relates to subjecting owners who knew or should have known about an alteration in violation of the uniform code to a civil penalty; subjects owners to up to a seven thousand five hundred dollar penalty when the alteration to the building violated the uniform code and impeded a person's egress from the building during an evacuation.	<b>Y</b>	
<b>S1357 AVELLA</b>	No same as	1/9/17 SEN CODES COMM	Establishes the class C felony of illegal conversion or alteration of real property	<b>Y</b>	

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<b>S369 LITTLE</b>	No same as	1/4/17 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM	Authorizes fire districts to impose ad valorem levies and special assessments on otherwise tax exempt real property	<b>N</b>	
<b>S892 AMEDORE</b>	No same as	1/4/17 SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	Requires that 1/4% of the state sales tax collected in rural counties be paid to such counties for infrastructure, fire fighting, emergency services and senior services	<b>N</b>	
<b>S1224A AKSHAR</b>	No same as	<b>3/7/17 AMENDED AND COMMITTED SEN FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	Relates to increasing the volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' credit; increases the amount of the credit from \$200 to \$500 for single filers who have served for less than five years and from \$200 to \$1,000 for single filers who serve at least five years and from \$400 to \$1,000 for spouses filing jointly where one spouse has served less than five years and from \$400 to \$2,000 for spouses filing jointly who have each served at least five years.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S756 RITCHIE</b>	No same as	1/4/17 - SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	Gives state income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$1200; must be in good standing for a minimum of five years and maintain continued eligibility.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S1808 KENNEDY</b>	No same as	1/11/17 SEN HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	This bill would require a minimum of one test per hydrant, per year.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S1734 CARLUCCI</b>	No same as	1/10/17 SEN EDUCATION COMM	Amends education law to withhold funding and grants to private schools that do not file the annual fire safety report in a timely manner.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S1437 RITCHIE</b>	No same as	1/9/17 SEN CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS	Requires public utility companies to charge volunteer ambulance corps and volunteer fire departments the same rates and charges applicable to residential customers.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S2757 LAVALLE</b>	No same as	1/17/17 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMMITTEE	To cease the real property tax exemptions covering fire and Emergency services granted to Industrial Development Agency projects in <b>Suffolk County</b> .	<b>N</b>	
<b>S2252 LITTLE</b>	No same as	<b>3/1/17 SEN ADVANCED TO THIRD READING</b> <b>06/05/2017 PASSED SENATE</b> <b>06/05/2017 DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY</b> <b>06/05/2017 referred to local governments</b>	Authorizes the town board of any town, which does not have a fire district, to establish and operate a town fire department	<b>N</b>	

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ASSEMBLY BILLS					
No same as	<b>A1566 HAWLEY</b>	1/12/12 ASSM ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMM	Prohibits the DEC from restricting the burning of garbage, refuse or rubbish in an open fire	N	
No Same As	<b>A235 GUNTHER</b>	1/5/17 SEN REAL PROPERTY TAXATION <b>FAILED IN COMMITTEE 1/31/17</b>	Authorizes fire districts to impose ad valorem levies and special assessments on otherwise tax exempt real property.	N	
No same as	<b>A1226 ZEBROWSKI</b>	1/11/17 ASSM GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMM	Civil penalties for illegal building alterations where egress is impeded during a fire, \$7,500	Y	
No same as	<b>A1233 ABINANTI</b>	1/11/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	Would allow Elmsford to charge for EMS fees	N	<b>NO POSITION</b>
No same as	<b>A693 MAGNARELLI</b>	1/9/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	Provides coverage for certain physical fitness programs to volunteer firefighters	N	
No same as	<b>A1275 CROUCH</b>	1/11/17 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Gives state income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$2500	N	
No same as	<b>A2215 CROUCH</b>	1/17/17 ASSM GOVERNMENTAL OPS	Establishes a fire prevention and emergency task force to develop a plan for training requirements and standards for fire prevention and emergency response services in rural areas.	N	
<b>NO SAME AS</b>	<b>A2595 BRINDISI</b>	<b>1/20/17 ASSM ECONOMIC DEVEL COMM</b>	<b>REQUIRES LICENSING FOR THE LAYOUT, INSTALLATION, SERVICING, REPAIRING, INSPECTING, TESTING AND MAINTAINING AUTOMATIC WATER-BASED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS</b> <b>(WILL DRIVE UP COST OF RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLERS – NFPA 12 D SPRINKLERS FOR 1 &amp; 2 FAMILY HOMES SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED.)</b>	N	
<b>NO SAME AS</b>	<b>A5610</b>	02/10/2017 referred to local governments 04/25/2017 held for consideration in local governments	Permits village volunteer fire companies in certain counties to enter into contracts to provide certain emergency services to a town in which the village is located without the consent of the village board or fire commissioners.	<b>No position</b>	