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Senate Bill #	Assembly Bill #	Status	Description	United Concern?	Support Status
		NYS Fire Service Allia	ance Issues of United Concern		
S3904A GRIFFO	A6367A MAGNARELLI	5/1/18 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE COMM.	Increase VFBL and VAWBL Benefits 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	
S363B LITTLE	A7717B JONES	1/29/18 AMENDED ON THIRD READING 5/15/18 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO ASSM FINANCE	Cost Recovery for fire department ambulance service. 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	
S742A RITCHIE	A3368A BRINDISI	2/28/18 AMENDED ON 3 RD READING 2/23/18 AMENDED AND RECOMMITTED TO ASSM ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	Upholstered Furniture Safety Standards Prohibits the use of cancer causing chemical flame retardants on residential upholstered furniture.	Y	
S774 CARLUCCI	A1490 ZEBROWSKI	1/3/18 SEN HOUSING CONST AND COMM DEVELOPMENT COMM 1/3/18 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	Endangering the welfare of fire and emergency personnel 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.	Υ	
S8251 ROBACH	A10424 WALLACE	6/19/18 PASSED SENATE 6/20/18 PASSED ASSEMBLY	Fire Apparatus Lemon Law When a fire truck or ambulance goes out of service, there is little recourse for a fire district or municipality. Necessary life-saving equipment is left inoperable and it is challenging to find replacement vehicles while going through the necessary legal challenges to secure a replacement from the manufacturer. The situation becomes more complex since fire districts and municipalities currently don't have privity of contract with the manufacturers of the inoperable equipment, forcing them to negotiate through the dealer, who must then negotiate with the manufacturer. This is a cumbersome process that wastes precious time and money that localities seldom have. For this reason, this bill aims to create a "lemon law" that would apply specifically to fire vehicle apparatus and ambulances, allowing direct recourse against the manufacturer, enabling a quicker solution for everyone and a quick reinstatement of life-saving equipment.	Υ	AWAITING GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

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S6242B AKSHAR	A8057B ABBATE	6/20/18 PASSED SENATE 6/14/18 PASSED ASSEMBLY	Training for Fire Chiefs 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 five 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.		AWAITING GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
		TWO (CHAMBER BILLS		
S8019a GRIFFO	A10327a GUNTHER	6/19/18 PASSED THE SENATE 6/13/18 PASSED ASSEMBLY	EXEMPTS THE COST OF THE INSURANCE TO PROVIDE FIREFIGHTERS WITH AN ENHANCED CANCER DISABILITY BENEFIT INSURANCE PROGRAM FROM A FIRE DISTRICT'S SPENDING LIMITATION.	N	AWAITING GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
S7373C RITCHIE	A10311B WALLACE	6/20/18 PASSED SENATE 6/14/18 PASSED ASSEMBLY	Authorizes and directs the commissioner of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services identify skills that can be taught safely at an individual's home department or online for Fire- fighter certification, or Firefighter Recruit I and II certifications.	N	AWAITING GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
S7829A BOYLE	A10198A PELLEGRINO	6/19/18 PASSED SENATE 6/14/18 PASSED ASSEMBLY	RELATES TO CONDUCTING A STUDY ON THE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS OF FIRE VEHICLES ON THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS AND ROADS. This legislation would require DOT to evaluate whether the weight restriction should be raised, or eliminated, for fire trucks. It is important to ensure all vehicles traveling using the state and local highway system are traveling at safe and appropriate weights.	N	AWAITING GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
S1185 MARCELLINO	A7612 THIELE	3/20/18 PASSED SENATE 1/3/18 REF TO ASSM TRANSPORTATION COMM	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	

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S1114A	A2962A	3/20/18 PASSED SENATE	Designates offenses against law enforcement officers, firefighters		
AKSHAR	ABBATE	1/3/18 REF TO ASSM CODES	and emergency medical services personnel as hate crimes.	N	
S6178 BROOKS	A1226 ZEBROWSKI	1/3/18 REFERRED TO HOUSING, CONST AND COMM DEVELOPMENT 1/22/18 PASSED ASSEMBLY DELIVERED TO SENATE	Civil penalties for illegal building alterations where egress is impeded during a fire, \$7,500	Υ	
S3954A LAVALLE	A4029A THIELE	5/29/18 AMENDED AND COMMITTED TO AGRICULTURE 6/18/18 PASSED ASSEMBLY	Amends Section 353-d of Ag Law to add paid and volunteer firefighters, to the list of those authorized in to release a companion animal confined in a motor vehicle in extreme conditions, provided the volunteer firefighter is on duty and responding to a call for assistance for such animal. Now we will be toned out for animals at risk.	N	70
S1994A OMARA	A4389A PALMESANO	6/13/18 PASSED SENATE 6/14/18 HELD FOR CONSIDERATION IN ASSM WAYS AND 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; establishes a volunteer recruitment service loan forgiveness program.	N	
S7443 LITTLE	A9589 JONES	<mark>6/13/18 PASSED SENATE</mark> 1/25/18 REF TO ASSM LOCAL GOVT	This bill would authorize municipalities to establish a special district for general ambulance services, and would require a report by the commissioner of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to identify challenges concerning volunteer emergency services or personnel. It's only the reporting provision that we object to.	N	7
S5684 SAVINO	A2595 BRINDISI	6/12/18 AMENDED AND RECOMMITTED TO SEN FINANCE COMM. 1/3/18 ASSM ECONOMIC DEVEL COMM	REQUIRES LICENSING FOR THE LAYOUT, INSTALLATION, SERVICING, REPAIRING, INSPECTING, TESTING AND MAINTAINING AUTOMATIC WATER-BASED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS (AS WRITTEN COULD DRIVE UP COST OF RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLERS – NFPA 12 D SPRINKLERS FOR 1 & 2 FAMILY HOMES SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED.)	N	7
S2063 LAVALLE	A5100 WEPRIN	1/3/18 REFERRED TO SEN INSURANCE 1/3/18 REFERRED TO ASSM INSURANCE	This legislation rectifies a disincentive that is being felt by our volunteer firefighters in New York State. Currently, if a volunteer firefighter is operating a, motor vehicle during his fire fighting duties and is in an accident while responding to an emergency,	N	

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S1010	A10326	1/3/18 SEN HIGHER EDUCATION	he is personally held liable with his own personal auto insurance company. Therefore he is placed in the assigned risk pool and is responsible for increased insurance rates. This law protects the volunteer firefighter from responsibility while acting in the capacity as a volunteer firefighter and responding to the needs of the communities. Of course this is contingent upon the fact that the firefighter is not grossly negligent. The volunteer firefighters of New York State are one of our greatest assets. It is necessary that we afford these great men and women every protection to insure that they will not jeopardize their current life styles. GRANTS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS ACADEMIC		
ROBACH	WALLACE	4/10/18 ASSM HIGHER EDUCATION	CREDIT AT SUNY AND CUNY	N	
S756 RITCHIE	A9530 WOERNER	1/3/18 - SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS 1/19/18 REFERRED TO ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	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.	N	
S1718 CARLUCCI	A10133 ZEBROWSKI	1/3/18 SEN LOCAL GOVTS COMM 3/16/18 ASSM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	An act to amend the general municipal law, in relation to authorizing cities, towns, villages, school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, library districts, fire districts, improvement districts and special districts to enter into cooperative agreements for the provision of centralized public employee administrative and personnel services; and to amend the insurance law, in relation to authorizing reduction of premiums for municipal cooperative health benefit plans which offer employee wellness programs	N	
S6838 PERALTA	A8670 DINOWITZ	1/3/18 SENATE FINANCE 1/3/18 REFERRED TO HOUSING	Establishes the deceased police officer, CAREER firefighter and emergency medical services family housing assistance program, and appropriates \$10,000,000 therefore.	Z	No position
S1224A AKSHAR	A8039 DENDEKKER	3/6/18 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE 1/3/18 REFERRED TO WAYS AND MEANS	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.	N	

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S286 ROBACH	A7619 ZEBROWSKI	1/3/18 REF TO SENATE LOCAL GOVT 1/3/18 REF TO ASSM BANKS	Allows credit unions, savings banks, savings and loan associations and federal savings associations to accept and secure deposits from municipal corporations	N	
S756 RITCHIE	A9530 WOERNER	1/3/18 REF TO SENATE INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVT OPERATION 1/3/18 REF TO ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Gives state income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$1200	N	
S1195 AVELLA	A1451 CAHILL	2/13/18 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 1/13/18 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	N	
S1027 BONACIC	A386 GUNTHER	1/3/18 REF TO SEN TRANSPORTATION 1/3/18 DIED IN THE ASSM RETURNED TO SENATE AND REFFERED TO TRANSPORTATION	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.	N	
S376 ORTT	A4715 ENGLEBRIGHT	1/83/18 REF TO SEN HIGHER EDUCATION 1/3/18 REF TO ASSM HIGHER EDUCATION	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.	N	
S1423 AVELLA	A5378 CAHILL	1/3/18 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 1/3/18 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	Requires colleges and universities to construct and retrofit sprinkler systems in all dormitories.	N	
S1815 KENNEDY	A6897 DENDECKER	1/3/18 SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVT OPERATIONS COMM 1/3/18 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Exempts the amount of any service award paid to any volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker from personal income tax.	N	
S1707 MARCHIONE	A3799 JAFFEE	1/3/18 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM 1/3/18 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	

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S4562 LITTLE	A6824 HUNTER	1/3/18 SEN COMM ON HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION & COMM DEVELOPMENT 1/3/18 REFERRED TO ASSM CODES	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.	N	
S2978 LAVALLE	A2344 THIELE	1/3/18 ASSM JUDICIARY COMM 1/3/18 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.	N	
S5698 LAVALLE	A7459 MAGEE	1/3/18 REF TO SEN LOCAL GOVT 1/3/18 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Relates to compensation for Fire District Election Inspectors	Y	
S1654 CARLICCI	A3492 BRINDISI	1/3/18 SEN HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 1/3/18 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.	N	4
S745 RITCHIE	A732 GUNTHER	1/3/18 SEN LOCAL GOVERMENT 1/3/18 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.	N	
S3519 FLANAGAN	A3885 DENDEKKER	1/3/18 REF TO SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVT OPS 1/3/18 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	N	

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S2907A RITCHIE	A1669A ZEBROWSKI	2/23/18 AMEND & RECOMM SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVT OPS COMM 2/26/18 AMEND AND RECOMM TO ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Provides tax credit to certain volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers and volunteer emergency medical personnel	N	
S2757 LAVALLE	A6182 PALUMBO	1/3/18 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMMITTEE 1/3/18 ASSM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION	To cease the real property tax exemptions covering fire and Emergency services granted to Industrial Development Agency projects in Suffolk County.	N	
S8575 HOYLMAN	A11181 STECK	5/10/18 SENATE FINANCE COMM 6/13/18 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	This bill would ban the entire class of PFAS chemicals from class B firefighting foam used and manufactured in New York. It also requires written notification of any PFAS chemicals found in personal protective firefighting equipment (such as jackets, pants, and helmets) at the time of sale. The Office of Fire Prevention and Control is instructed to assist state and local government agencies in complying with this bill. Finally, the bill establishes civil penalties for any violations which shall be deposited into the hazardous waste remedial fund. Washington State signed similar legislation into law in April 2018	N	
		T	OXIC BILLS		
S4543A GOLDEN	A6260A ABBATE	2/21/18 AMENDED AND RECOMMITTED TO ASSM INSURANCE COMM 4/26/18 AMENDED AND RECOMMITTED TO SEN INSURANCE COMM.	Section one amends paragraph 1 of subsection (d) of section 9105 of the insurance law. This bill reallocates one percent of remaining monies received under the provisions of section 9105 to the New York State Professional Firefighters Association instead of the Fireman's Association of the State of New York, which would receive nine percent instead of ten percent. Section two provides that this act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all monies received by the superintendent of financial services pursuant to section 9105 of the insurance law starting with monies received on or after April 1, 2019. STARTS A SLIPPERY SLOPE!	N	
S3047 LITTLE	A5058 GALEF	1/3/18 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMMITTEE 4/26/18 ADVANCED TO 3 RD READING ON CALENDAR	Sets forth provisions for absentee ballots for fire district elections and improvement district elections.	N	7

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No same as	A959 GALEF	1/3/18 ELECTION LAW	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.	N	
No same as	A1896 ABINANTI	1/3/18 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	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.	N	
A2065 LAVALLE	No same as	1/3/18 SEN LOCAT GOVT COMM	ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS	N	7
S1716 CARLUCCI	No same as	1/3/18 SEN LOCAL GOVT	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.	N	7
		SE	NATE BILLS		
S2252 LITTLE	NO SAME AS	2/13/18 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING	Authorizes the town board of any town, which does not have a fire district, to establish and operate a town fire department	N	
S1357 AVELLA	No same as	1/3/18-SEN CODES COMM	Establishes the class C felony of illegal conversion or alteration of real property	N	
S369 LITTLE	No same as	1/3/18 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM	Authorizes fire districts to impose ad valorem levies and special assessments on otherwise tax exempt real property	N	
S892 AMEDORE	No same as	1/3/18 SEN LOCAL 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	N	

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No same as	A693 MAGNARELLI	1/3/18 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	Provides coverage for certain physical fitness programs to volunteer firefighters	N	
No same as	A1233 ABINANTI	1/3/18 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	Would allow Elmsford to charge for EMS fees	N	NO POSITION
No Same As	A235 GUNTHER	1/3/18 SEN REAL PROPERTY TAXATION	Authorizes fire districts to impose ad valorem levies and special assessments on otherwise tax exempt real property.	N	
No same as	A1566 HAWLEY	1/3/18 ASSM ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMM	Prohibits the DEC from restricting the burning of garbage, refuse or rubbish in an open fire	N	7
NO SAME AS	A2205 CROUCH	FOR CONSIDERATION	government control due to the constant responding to incidents of accidental nature. Their duty is to ensure public safety and health by addressing all kinds of different emergencies. Sometimes the services they provide go unpaid and will cause them financial hardship resulting in closing their doors, staff layoffs, limited services, replacement or upgrade for equipment, etc. Emergency services save lives everyday and provide an unlimited amount of resource to the local community therefore should be exempt from the 2% property tax cap to help off set some financial cost.	N	
		ASS 1/3/18 ASSM LOCAL GOVERNMENT HELD	EMBLY BILLS Emergency services are another area of cost beyond local		T
S1437 RITCHIE	No same as	1/3/18 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.	N	
S1734 CARLUCCI	No same as	1/3/18 SEN EDUCATION COMM	Amends education law to withhold funding and grants to private schools that do not fire the annual fire safety report in a timely manner.	N	
S1808 KENNEDY	No same as	1/3/18 SEN HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	This bill would require a minimum of one test per hydrant, per year.	N	

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No same as	A1275 CROUCH	1/3/18 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	A5610 MORINELLO	1/3/18 REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVT COMM	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.	N	NO POSITION
No same as	A2215 CROUCH	1/3/18 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	
NO SAME AS	A804 PRETLOW	1/3/18 ASSM CIVIL SERVICE LAW	School board members are not paid for their public service. At times, they are under tremendous scrutiny. This bill would make the job of school board member more attractive to a larger segment of the population by attaching a benefit to the position. It is important that talented people run in school board elections. Adding this one benefit will make sitting on the school board a more desired position, and it will not incur costs for the school district or local government because the insured will pay the administrative costs and premiums. This in turn will lead to more qualified people running for the school board and help ensure that the public has a better choice of candidates. We just want to see where this goes!!		
		Bills Signed	in the 2017 Session		
S1411A GRIFFO	A711A GUNTHER	6/19/17 PASSED SENATE 6/20/17 PASSED ASSEMBLY	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.	Y	Signed 10/22/17 Chap 334
S6636 GOLDEN	A8249 HARRIS	6/21/17 PASSED SENATE 6/21/17 PASSESD ASSEMBLY	The purpose of this bill is to help reduce the incidence of illegal conversions by requiring landlords to disclose to tenants that a certificate of occupancy is current and valid for the property being rented.	Y	Signed 11/17/17 Chap 446
S1022	A6756	2/14/17 PASSED SENATE	Establishes a person who intentionally obstructs the efforts of any firefighter performing emergency medical care on a sick or	N	Signed 7/25/17

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FUNKE	MORELLE	5/24/17 PASSES ASSEMBLY	injured person is guilty of the crime of obstructing firefighting operations.		Chapter 124
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 OMMISSIONS AFTER A HEARING.	N	Signed 12/18/17 Chap.468
S724A O'MARA	A2290C MORELLE	6/13/17 PASSED SENATE 6/15/17 PASSED ASSEMBLY	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.	N	Signed 10/130/17 Chap 371
S899 CROCI	A3513 MURRAY	3/13/17 PASSED SENATE 6/20/17 PASSES ASSEMBLY	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.	N	Signed 11/29/17 Chap 426
S5785 MARCHIONE	A7089 MAGNARELLI	6/15/17 PASSED SENATE 6/6/17 PASSED ASSEMBLY	The purpose of the bill is to increase transparency relating to the contract negotiation process for fire protection contracts between incorporated fire companies and fire districts, towns or villages.	N	Signed 9/12/17 Chap 294
S6415 HELMING	A7942 GUNTHER	5/22/17 PASSED SENATE 6/21/17 PASSED ASSEMBLY	Authorizes firefighters who are members of a fire company or department of another state to offer and provide their services to volunteer fire <i>companies or departments in</i> New York State.	N	Signed 7/25/17 Chapter 155