



Senate Bill #	Assembly Bill #	Status	Description	United Concern?	Support Status
NYS Fire Service Alliance Issues of United Concern					
S4173A GAUGHRAN	A5957A GUNTHER	5/20/19 PASSED SENATE 6/18/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY AWAITING GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE	In the absence of the documentation required currently by 205cc, the volunteer firefighter shall be eligible if they submit alternative documentation as determined by OFPC. OFPC shall promulgate rules and regulation as to an acceptable combination of alternative documentation and such documentation shall include but not limited to training records, documentation that the firefighter was an active interior volunteer firefighter as evidenced by NFIRs submitted by the volunteer's fire department or any other combination of official documents capable of evidencing that the firefighter meets the requirements.	Y	
S3685A BROOKS	A1778A JONES	6/14/19 PASSED SENATE 6/14/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	Provides that authorities having control of a fire department or fire company which provides emergency medical services may establish fees and charges for services.	Y	
S4631 GAUGHRAN	A5895 MAGNARELLI	6/20/19 PASSED SENATE 6/20/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	Provides total disability benefits in the amount of \$650 weekly for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers for injuries sustained on or after July 1, 2019. <i>Despite years of experience and technological advancements, injuries are still a part of the volunteer fire service. Sometimes the injuries are severe - causing temporary or total permanent disabilities. The weekly benefit under VFBL and VAWBL for such injuries has not been updated in over ten years. It is time to update these benefits.</i>	Y	
S6512 HARCKHAM	A6260A GUNTHER	6/14/19 SENT TO SEN RULES COMM 6/14/19 3 RD READING	Establish a prohibition on the sale of upholstered furniture which employs the use of carcinogenic flame retardant chemicals.	Y	
TWO CHAMBER BILLS					
S3247A SALAZAR	A1024A ROSENTHAL	5/20/19 PASSED SENATE 2/4/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY	<u>Authorizes</u> certain law enforcement officers and firefighters to possess and administer epinephrine by use of an epinephrine auto-injector device	N	NP
S6524 GOUNARDES	A8341 ABBATE	6/19/19 PASSED SENATE 6/20/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY	Training for fire chiefs. The state fire administrator may conduct the training and education required for fire chiefs pursuant to subdivision seven of section fifty-eight-a of the civil service law with sufficient frequency to enable individuals to satisfy the necessary qualifications for a fire chief pursuant to such section. To the extent practicable, such training and education shall be	N	

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			made available in all geographic regions of the state. Such regions shall be determined by the state fire administrator.		
S439A HOLYMAN	A445A STECK	6/14/19 PASSED SENATE 6/20/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY	RELATES TO REDUCING THE USE OF PFAS/PFOA CHEMICALS IN FIREFIGHTING ACTIVITIES AND REQUIREMENTS TO NOTIFY FIREFIGHTERS OF THE PRESENCE OF THESE CHEMICALS IN THEIR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING.	N	
S4207A METZGER	A7552 THIELE	6/12/19 PASSED SENATE 6/20/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY	This legislation would increase the maximum contribution under a length of service award program for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers to \$1200 for defined contribution plans.	N	
S1997B LITTLE	A4676B STEC	6/4/19 PASSED SENATE 6/19/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY	PERMITS ESSEX COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FOR EMS AND GENERAL AMBULANCE SERVICE. <i>THE DISTRICT IS THE ENTIRE COUNTY!</i>	N	
S4663A CARLUCCI	A1906 ZEBROWSKI	6/20/19 PASSED SENATE 6/20/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY	The bill will modernize the process of conducting annual fire inspection reports for public and private schools.		
S80 ROBACH	A4438 DENDEKKER	3/26/19 SEN TRANSPORTATION COMM 3/26/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY	Authorizes hazard vehicles designed for the towing or pushing of disabled vehicles to display amber and blue lights for rear projection when such vehicles are engaged in a hazardous operation.	N	NP
S3057 GAUGHRAN	A550 CAHILL	3/12/19 PASSED SENATE 3/12/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	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	
S4134 SKOUFIS	A6378 GUNTHER	4/8/19 PASSED SENATE 4/8/19 ASSM GOVT EMPLOYEES	Authorizes retired firefighters to be employed as fire science instructors by career and technical education centers without reduction of benefits.	N	
S1645B BROOKS	A2468C WALLACE	5/20/19 PASSED SENATE 5/20/19 SENT TO CONSUMER AFFIARS & PROTECTION COMM	HOME BUILDERS MUST PROVIDE A COST ESTIMATE FOR SPRINKLERS IN ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS.	N	
S4175 GAUGHRAN	A1820 MAGNARELLI	5/15/19 PASSED SENATE 5/15/19 ASSM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION	An act to amend the real property tax law, in relation to authorizing municipalities to treat unpaid building code and fire code fines as delinquent taxes and impose tax liens upon the real property which is the subject of such fines	N	
S5473A MARTINEZ	A7721A GRIFFIN	6/11/19 PASSED SENATE 6/17/19 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Increase maximum compensation from \$35 to \$70; Increase maximum compensation from \$50 to \$100 for chairpersons, election inspectors and ballot clerks for fire district elections. <i>(expressed as a not to exceed amount)</i>	N	

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S5418 HARCKHAM	A563 BUCHWALD	6/6/19 PASSED SENATE 1/9/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	The purpose of this legislation is to make permanent the long-standing law governing disability determinations for volunteer firefighters due to disease or malfunction of the heart or coronary arteries. Aka The heart Bill Legislation sunsets in 2020	N	
S5419 HARCKHAM	A7352 BUCHWALD	6/6/19 PASSED SENATE 6/6/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	MAKES PERMANENT THE PROVISIONS CREATING A PRESUMPTION RELATING TO CERTAIN LUNG DISABILITIES FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS AKA-THE LUNG BILL Legislation sunsets in 2020	N	
S4104A SKOUFIS	A3400A GUNTHER	6/20/19 DELIVERED TO SENATE 6/20/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY	Amends section 1157 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law by adding a subdivision (d) which allows individuals 18 years of age and older to solicit on behalf of 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	NO POSITION
S2936 KAMINSKY	A7717 GRIFFIN	6/13/19 PASSED SENATE 6/13/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	Authorizes the date of the public hearing to discuss the contents of the proposed budget to be held during the third week of October instead of specifically on the third Tuesday of October. <i>In order to accommodate and provide some flexibility to the fire districts, this bill changes the single date requirement and instead requires the hearing to be held during the third week of October.</i>	N	
S1411A PARKER	A1531 RICHARDSON	6/19/19 PASSED SENATE 1/15/19 ASSM CODES COMM	To prevent the misuse of 911 and other organizations that deal with emergencies Having 911 call centers continuously dispatching Police, Fire or EMT services for non-emergencies leaves their resources short if an actual emergency is reported at the same time.	N	
S5895 GAUGHRAN	A7276 STERN	6/19/19 PASSED SENATE 4/18/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	Increases the number of years of service that a participant in a defined benefit contribution plan or defined benefit plan service award program may receive a contribution from 40 to 50 years.	N	NO POSITION
S3911 JACOBS	A2602 CROUCH	6/20/19 SENT TO SEN RULES COMM 1/24/19 ASSM LABOR COMM	To prohibit an employer from terminating an employee who is also a volunteer firefighter or a volunteer provider of emergency medical services when that employee misses or is late to work because of an emergency to which the employee was dispatched.	N	
S178 HELMING	A7956 JONES	6/20/19 SENT TO RULES COMM 5/29/19 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS COMM	Recently, there has been a growing shortage of volunteer firefighters across the entire country and specifically, New York State. This can be attributed, among various factors, to a change in the economy, which promotes two-income households and working multiple jobs. Because of this shift, many people do not have the time to dedicate to becoming a volunteer firefighter. Those who do decide to become volunteer firefighters and undergo training, oftentimes are required to dedicate	N	NP



			upwards of 20 hours a week on top of their regular employment to complete this training. In addition to the additional hours, many firefighters who undergo these trainings have to travel long distances because of a lack of training courses close to home. This adds time onto the commitment of completing the qualifications and serving the community. Federal regulations apply to all fire departments in New York State and require that members be provided with training and education commensurate with the duties and functions that such members are expected to perform. OFPC and the Department of Labor's Public Employees Safety and Health Bureau (PESH) and fire service organizations have developed a recommended set of "Best Practices" for use by fire departments to assist fire departments in complying with the Federal regulations. The goal of this study is for OFPC to evaluate these minimum qualifications, or best practices, recommended to become a volunteer firefighter while considering the shortage that is having an effect on communities across the state.		
S3674A GOUNDARDES	A7178A FRONTUS	6/20/19 SENT TO SEN RULES COMM 4/10/19 ASSM CODES COMM	To increase public safety by increasing the penalties for failing to obtain the proper permits or certificates prior to altering a multiple dwelling or allowing an altered building to be inhabited.	N	
TOXIC BILLS					
S4398 ADDABBO	A4406B LENTOL	6/11/19 PASSED SENATE 6/20/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY	Provides a tax credit to homeowners who repair cock loft fire hazards in their homes. The amendment removes the requirements for sprinklers but leave the requirements for Smoke Detectors. <i>The defect in this bill is the provision to install smoke detectors in cock lofts which is not an appropriate location for detectors and will result in false alarms.</i>	N	
S5205A GOUNDARDES	A7624A ABBATE	6/19/19 PASSED SENATE 6/19/19 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Would amend Civil Service Law §75 [the public employee disciplinary hearing statute] to require that the case be heard by a neutral arbitrator, that both the governing board and the accused employee have a say in the selection of and who must a member of the American Arbitration Association. In addition , the ability to suspend without pay pending the hearing is severely limited. <i>This is a bill that should be opposed by all local government associations because of the costs it adds to the employee discipline process.</i>	N	
S2813 COMRIE	A1666 VANEL	1/29/19 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMM DEVEL	REQUIRES LANDLORDS TO PROVIDE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN ALL RENTED APPARTMENTS. <i>The defect in this bill is training, size & type and maintenance. No guarantee that they will be available</i>	N	



			<i>when needed, difficult to maintain. Call 911 and leave the building!! The fire service should not support this legislation.</i>		
S5360 COMRIE	A2913 RODRIGUEZ	3/11/19 SEN BUDG & REVENUE COMM 4/29/19 HOUSING, CONST & COMM DEVEL	This subdivision requires that all temporary and permanent dwellings in the state shall have installed an operable combustible gas detector that wirelessly connects to the gas company. Gas companies will release an annual report of the frequency of gas leaks by county.	N	
S3811 GOUNARDES	A5783 ABBATE	2/15/19 SEN LOCAL GOVT 2/19/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	This amendment reallocates one percent of amount remaining after the Superintendent deducts the expenses of collection and distribution from the amount that he or she received from the Fire Insurance Premium Tax pursuant to Insurance Law sections 9104 and 9105 to the New York State Professional Firefighters Association instead of the Fireman's Association of the State of New York.	N	
SENATE ONLY BILLS					
ASSEMBLY ONLY BILLS					

1. Any Assembly bill introduced in the regular legislative session of the first year of the term of the Assembly shall be deemed to be reintroduced for the second year of such term, provided such bill was:
 - a. not reported from a standing committee;
 - b. reported and referred;
 - c. recommitted to a standing committee; or
 - d. referred back to a standing committee by the Committee on Rules immediately prior to adjournment sine die.
2. Any Assembly bill introduced in the first year of the term of the Assembly, shall be deemed to be reintroduced for the second year of such term and referred to the committee where the bill was last referred, except that: (i) any bill that was last referred to the Committee on Rules shall be referred to the committee that reported the bill to the Committee on Rules; (ii) any bill that was on order of third reading shall be ordered to the order of third reading; (iii) any bill that was passed by the Assembly and did not become law, was not vetoed, or was substituted by a Senate bill which did not become law or was not vetoed, shall be ordered to the order of third reading, and further provided that:
 - a. any such bill which in such first year required a fiscal note as required by section 50 of the Legislative Law or home rule message for passage shall be referred to the committee to which such bill was originally referred;
 - b. upon request of the introducer or the chairperson of the committee to which such bill was originally referred, such bill shall be committed to the committee to which it was originally referred provided, however, such request may not be made later than the second Wednesday following the commencement of the second year