

**LEGISLATION IMPACTING THE FIRE SERVICE
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SENATE BILL # & SPONSOR	ASSEMBLY BILL # & SPONSOR	STATUS	DESCRIPTION	UNITED CONCERN?	SUPPORT STATUS
S6962 GAUGHRAN	A9065 GUNTHER	PASSED WITH THE BUDGET BILL	<p align="center">CHAPTER AMENDMENT</p> <p>...FOR FIREFIGHTERS WHO ENTERED THE FIRE SERVICE PRIOR TO JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY, DOCUMENTATION IDENTIFIED BY THE OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF THIS SECTION WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, TRAINING OR CERTIFICATION RECORDS, HEALTH CARE PROVIDER RECORDS, INTERNAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS, OR ANY COMBINATION OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS CAPABLE OF EVIDENCING THAT THE FIREFIGHTER MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SESSION. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON THE SAME DATE AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS A CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF 2019 AMENDING THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW RELATING TO PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER ENHANCED CANCER DISABILITY BENEFITS, AS PROPOSED IN LEGISLATIVE BILLS NUMBERS S. 4173-A AND A. 5957-A, TAKES EFFECT.</p>	Y	Passed in Budget Bill
S5418 HARCKHAM	A563 BUCHWALD	PASSED WITH THE BUDGET BILL	<p align="center">HEART BILL</p> <p>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</p>	Y	PASSED IN BUDGET BILL
S5419 HARCKHAM	A7352 BUCHWALD	PASSED WITH THE BUDGET BILL	<p align="center">LUNG BILL</p> <p>MAKES PERMANENT THE PROVISIONS CREATING A PRESUMPTION RELATING TO CERTAIN LUNG DISABILITIES FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS AKA-THE LUNG BILL LEGISLATION SUNSETS IN 2020</p>	Y	PASSED IN BUDGET BILL
S7589B GAUGHRAN	A9779A THIELE	7/22/20 PASSED SENATE 7/21/20 PASSED ASSEMBLY	<p align="center">VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT & RETENTION TASK FORCE TO CREATE A RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION TASK FORCE, WHICH SHALL BE INCLUSIVE OF RELEVANT STATE AGENCIES AND DESIGNATED ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO ASSIST IN THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.</p>	Y	AWAITING SIGNATURE

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S7167 HOYLMAN	A8979 STECK	1/23/20 PASSED SENATE 2/3/20 PASSED ASSEMBLY	THIS LEGISLATION AMENDS THE UNDERLYING CHAPTER BY REMOVING THE BAN ON PFAS CHEMICAL FOAMS AND MOVING IT INTO THE GENERAL BUSINESS LAW. IN ADDITION TO MOVING THE LEGISLATION TO THE GENERAL BUSINESS LAW, THE BILL MAKES TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE DEFINITION OF WHICH FOAMS ARE BANNED, AS WELL AS CHANGING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE EXEMPTION FOR WHEN FOAMS CONTAINING PFAS MAY BE UTILIZED TO INCLUDE NOT JUST FIRES INVOLVING FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS BUT ALSO IGNITABLE LIQUIDS. THE BAN ON THE PURCHASE AND MANUFACTURING OF THESE FOAMS WOULD GO INTO EFFECT TWO YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE. THE OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION WILL, EVERY TWO YEARS, EXAMINE WHETHER ANY NON-PFAS FOAMS ARE AVAILABLE THAT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE AND COULD SUBSTITUTE THE USE OF PFAS FOAMS IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A NEW SECTION OF LAW ADDED IN THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW BANNING THE USE OF PFAS FOAMS IN TRAINING BY FIRE DEPARTMENTS.	N	SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR CHAPTER 88 4/29/20
S8251A KAMINSKY	A10438 THIELE	5/27/20 PASSED SENATE 5/27/20 PASSED ASSEMBLY	RELATES TO THE DETERMINATION OF POINTS FOR SERVICE AWARD PROGRAMS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS DURING A STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZES SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM SPONSORS TO ADJUST CERTAIN POINT SYSTEMS WHEN SUCH SPONSOR ADOPTS WRITTEN EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROTOCOLS THAT SET DIFFERENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS FOR DIFFERENT ENTITIES PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING SOME PARTICIPANTS FROM RESPONDING TO NON-EMERGENCY RESCUE AND FIRST AID SQUAD CALLS.	DISTS SUPPORTS	Signed by Governor on 6/17/20 Chap 113
S8220 GAUGHRAN	A10041 GUNTHER	7/22/20 PASSED SENATE 7/21/20 PASSED ASSEMBLY	THIS BILL WILL RAISE THE REVENUE LEVEL AT WHICH FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE AUDITED FROM \$300,000 TO \$400,000.	AFDSNY SUPPORTS	AWAITING SIGNATURE
S7664 BRESLIN	A9117 CUSICK	7/22/20 PASSED SENATE 7/23/20 PASSED ASSEMBLY	THIS BILL IS TO CLARIFY THE MEANING OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION AND TO ENSURE A TIMELY CORRESPONDENCE AND FINISH OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS		AWAITING SIGNATURE
S8617B GOUNARDES	A10832 ABBATE	7/23/20 PASSED SENATE 7/23/20 PASSED ASSEMBLY	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LABOR LAW, IN RELATION TO REQUIRING PUBLIC EMPLOYERS TO ADOPT A PLAN FOR OPERATIONS IN THE EVENT OF A DECLARED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY INVOLVING A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE; AND TO AMEND THE EDUCATION LAW, IN RELATION TO CERTAIN PROTOCOLS FOR RESPONDING TO A DECLARED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY INVOLVING A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE		AWAITING SIGNATURE

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S8236 GAUGHRAN	A10409 MCDONALD	5/27/20 PASSED SENATE 5/27/20 PASSED ASSEMBLY	AUTHORIZES LOCAL CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MAY ISSUE BLANKET ORDERS EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR ALL ACTIVE BUILDING PERMITS FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 120 DAYS	N	SIGNED BY THE GOV 6/17/20 CHAP 111
S3320 JACKSON	A2625 DINOWITZ	2/12/20 PASSED SENATE 1/15/20 PASSED ASSEMBLY	EXPANDS REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF NEW YORK STATE UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE (CRIMINAL SANCTION IMPACT)	N	AWAITING SIGNATURE
S1714 BROOKS	A3343 ZEBROWSKI	2/12/20 PASSED SENATE 7/22/20 PASSED ASSEMBLY	THE PURPOSE OF THIS BILL IS TO CREATE PENALTIES ON BUILDING OWNERS OF UP TO \$7,500 FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE THAT IMPEDE EGRESS DURING A FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY EVACUATION	N	AWAITING SIGNATURE