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SENATE BILL	SENATE STATUS	ASSEMBLY BILL	ASSEMBLY STATUS	SHORT TITLE/DESCRIPTION	POSITION	NOTES
				CANCER COVERAGE COST RELIEF – Pursue data collection to enable establishment of a funding stream to alleviate fiscal burden on districts/departments. New legislative proposal	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
				ENSURE VFBL PARITY WITH WORKERS COMPENSATION – Bring the volunteer firefighters benefit law pay equal to worker’s compensation/what career firefighters receive when injured in the line of duty. 2022 legislation: S.1340/A.3597 (Brooks/McMahon)	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL Need new Senate Sponsor: Sen Brooks not in office
				RECOVERY OF 54-G FUNDING TO STRONGLY SUPPORT CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS - Ensure state funds collected through dedicated fees on each fire policy written in the state go to Strongly Support local code enforcement activities and not continue to be swept into State General Fund. 2022 legislation: S.6970-A (Kavanagh) / A.8802-A (Zebrowski)	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
				TIMELY ADOPTION OF BUILDING CODE - Directs the state fire prevention and building code council to update the state fire prevention and building code and the	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL



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				state energy conservation construction code 2022 legislation: S.6210-B (Skoufis) / A.3559-B (Hunter)			
				DESIGNATE EMS AS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE AND EXPAND THE BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO EMS PERSONNEL AND SET STANDARDS FOR EMS – Recognizes EMS as an essential service, establishes a special district for the financing and operation of general ambulance services, expands access to health insurance and retirement benefits available to EMS providers. 2022 legislation: S.8432-A (Mayer) / A.9509-A (Otis)	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL	
				ANALYZE FINDINGS FROM THE NYS DHSES RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION TASK FORCE Implement recommendations from the VFS Task Force by developing legislation to strengthen the volunteer fire service in NYS.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL	
				STRENGTHEN PENAL CODE IN RELATION TO ILLEGAL BUILDING CONVERSIONS Make it a crime to illegally circumvent uniform code by making illegal conversions a charge of “Endangering the welfare of fire and emergency personnel.” Landlords make conversions so they can make more money off the properties without obtaining proper permits. The conversions may not have	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL Need new Senate sponsor; Senator Gaughran not in office	



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				proper egress and could create an extremely dangerous situation for firefighters. 2022 legislation: S.3741 (Gaughran) / A.6087 (Zebrowski)		
				ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS Ensure the Executive and Legislative prioritization of provision of affordable housing stock through legalization of more residential space is executed in a manner that prioritizes occupant safety and the safety of first responders in emergencies. Focus on legalizing existing units as well as create new units; advocate for increasing access to housing for first responders as a recruitment and retention tool. New legislative proposal	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
				Lithium Ion Battery Safety Standards Ensure proper registration/permitting, research and standard development, repairing and regulation of products containing lithium-ion batteries, work with stakeholders to raise public awareness around best fire safety practices, and examine solutions proposed from decisionmakers and opine as a trusted public safety voice.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
S324 Oberacker	1/4/23 Senate Budget and Revenue Cmte	NO SAME AS		CONTINUE TO IMPROVE TAX BENEFITS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS – Push to allow volunteer firefighters to receive both	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL



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				real property tax exemptions and income tax credit, while continuing to advocate for an income tax credit increase (has been at \$200 since its inception in 2006.) This credit would step increase tied to qualifying years of service up to \$2,500 for 10 or more consecutive qualifying years of service.		
NO SAME AS		A137 Santabarbara	1/4/23 Assembly Judiciary Committee	Exempts active volunteer firefighters from jury duty	SUPPORT	Memo in Support Sent to Assm. Santabarbara MIS Jury Duty Exemption A137
NO SAME AS		A185 Woerner	1/4/23 Assembly Ways and Means	This bill gives a State income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$1,200. This income tax credit would uniformly benefit nearly all such volunteers, and would provide an important new recruitment tool to attract new volunteer firefighters and ambulance corps workers into this critical public service.	SUPPORT	
NO SAME AS		A723 ROSENTHAL	Assembly Ways and Means Committee	Exempts the sale of fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, heat sensors and carbon monoxide detectors from sales and use taxes	STRONGLY SUPPORT	



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NO SAME AS		A850 JACOBSON	Assembly Labor Committee	Requires the state to provide reimbursement of certain costs and benefits incurred as a result of an injury occurring during a mutual aid call	STRONGLY SUPPORT	
NO SAME AS		A172 PAULIN	Assembly Insurance Committee	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.	SUPPORT WITH CONCERN	
NO SAME AS		A470 ROSENTHAL	Assembly Local Gov Committee	This legislation would require that large, clear address numbers be affixed prominently on the face of all residences which have such numbers assigned, thereby eliminating the precious time lost that occurs when a building is not clearly marked.	OPPOSE Already in the Code	
NO SAME AS		A377 BRONSON	Assembly Econ Dev Committee	Relates to fire suppression systems and licensing professionals to perform authorized work on fire suppression systems	SUPPORT EXEMPT 13D SPRINKER INSTALLATIONS FOR 1 & 2 FAMILY DWELLINGS	
S.562-A KAVANAGH	Passed out of Senate Housing Committee Committee Discussion: 1/24/23 Referred to	A920-A GALLAGHER	Assembly Energy Committee	Enacts the "All Electric Building Act" Directs the state fire prevention and building code council to prohibit the installation of systems that can be used for the combustion of fossil fuels in new construction. This prohibition shall take effect no later than December 31, 2023 for buildings under six stories, and no	STRONGLY OPPOSE	



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	Senate Energy Committee			later than July 1, 2027 for all other buildings.		
S1129 SKOUFIS	Senate Transportation Committee	NO SAME AS		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	Support	
S1136 ORTT	Senate Local Government Committee	NO SAME AS		This bill would allow certain counties (Niagara County) and its localities to enact a local law, ordinance or resolution providing eligible volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers a 10% real property tax exemption off the assessed value of such property for city, village, town, part town, special district, school district, fire district or county purposes.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	
S1165 OVERACKER	Senate Codes Committee	NO SAME AS		The bill elevates assault of a code enforcement official in the second degree to a class D felony.	SUPPORT	
S1211 PERSUAD	Senate Finance Committee	NO SAME AS		Requires the inclusion of diversity and inclusion training in the basic training and pre-employment course curricula for police, firefighters, correction officers and first responders	OPPOSE Increases training time	
S1218 COMRIE	Senate Housing Committee	A1080 Woerner	Assembly Gov Ops Committee	This bill would require that one member, appointed by the governor, to	STRONGLY SUPPORT	



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				the state fire prevention and building council shall be from the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization.		
S1219 COMRIE	Senate Housing Committee	NO SAME AS		Requires the installation of fire extinguishers in all multiple dwellings. This legislation provides clear standards in law requiring landlords to provide fire extinguishers in all multiple dwellings, at least one per floor with the maximum travel distance between extinguishes to be 75 feet, which is the NFPA standard.	Oppose Legislates Code	
S1272 Ortt	Senate Budget and Revenue Committee	NO SAME AS		New York state volunteer fire protection emergency reimbursement account for reimbursement for expenses incurred relating to procurement of personal protective equipment and other expenses	STRONGLY SUPPORT	
S1347 SKOUFIS	Senate 3 rd Reading	A625 THIELE	Passed Assembly; In Senate Rules Committee	This legislation would clarify that hot tubs with covers are exempt from the other requirements of the subdivision and, consistent with current law, swimming pools with covers are exempt from provisions requiring they be equipped with an acceptable pool alarm capable of detecting a child entering the water and of giving an audible alarm. Chapter Amendment.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	Chapter Amendment; Regs Announced: Notice of Proposed Rule Making Department of State (ny.gov) 19 NYCRR Parts 1220, 1221, 1226 – hot tubs and spas



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						A copy of the Rule Text is available here .
S1498 FERNANDEZ	Senate Investigations Committee	A604 PAULIN	Assembly Gov Ops Committee	Authorizes the use of certain property in the city of New Rochelle for the construction of municipal fire services.		
S154 KRUEGER	Senate Consumer Committee	NO SAME AS		Prohibits the distribution, assembly, or sale of second-use lithium-ion batteries for e-bikes and e-scooters that have been assembled or reconditioned using cells removed from used batteries.	Support How will it be enforced?	
S157 KRUEGER	Senate Consumer Committee	NO SAME AS		Prohibits the sale of second-use lithium-ion batteries. Prohibits the distribution, assembly, or sale of second-use lithium-ion batteries for e-bikes and e-scooters that have been assembled or reconditioned using cells removed from used batteries.	Support How will it be enforced?	
S1939 BAILEY	Housing Committee			A report recommended establishing measures to increase the required number of code enforcement personnel serving local communities, to allow the secretary of state to implement an oversight official within a local code enforcement program to ensure compliance, and to increase	SUPPORT WITH AMENDS: Creates the State Code Enforcement Ombudsperson, gives the local municipality less	



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				opportunities for the secretary of the state to determine whether a locality should continue to conduct its own code enforcement.	control and more control to the "Ombudsperson".	
S426 HINCHEY	Senate Local Government Committee	NO SAME AS		Relates to allowing a county to enter into a municipal cooperative agreement to provide joint emergency medical services. By authorizing entities that provide EMS and ambulance services to enter into cooperative agreements, this bill incentivizes countywide coordination of these services in order to share resources, ensure adequate coverage in rural communities, and ultimately experience savings. It also designates these joint services as an "essential service" in line with fire, police and garbage services. This designation and the lower overhead costs of consolidated services will help keep volunteer ambulance corps across New York State necessary and viable.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	
S574 ORTT	Senate Local Government Committee	NO SAME AS		This legislation would allow a municipality to recoup the cost of sending a firefighter to training school from another municipality that hires that firefighter within three years of their training.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	
S655 ORTT	Senate Cultural	NO SAME AS		Provides free use of state parks and campsites for volunteer firefighters and	STRONGLY SUPPORT	



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	Affairs Committee			members of a volunteer ambulance service.		
S789 ORTT	Senate Higher Education Committee	NO SAME AS		Extends tuition free course benefits to volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers	STRONGLY SUPPORT	
S849 ZEBROWSKI	Passed Senate	A623 Zebrowski	3 rd Reading	Relates to requirements for in-service training programs for code enforcement personnel CHAPTER AMENDMENT		Proposed Regulations: <u>NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING Part 1208 – Minimum Standards for Code Enforcement Training in the State of New York (19 NYCRR Part 1208)</u>
S892 HOYLMAN	Senate Transportation Committee	NO SAME AS		This legislation would 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.	SUPPORT How will it be enforced?	
				Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention Task Force Report, December		



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				<p>2022: vff.task .force .report-final 0.pdf (ny.gov)</p>		
				<p>Governor Hochul Announces State Cancer Prevention Efforts to Protect Firefighters and Their Families During Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month</p> <p>Governor Hochul Announces State Cancer Prevention Efforts to Protect Firefighters and Their Families During Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month Governor Kathy Hochul (ny.gov)</p>		