



# The Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York

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## HOT Bill List

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SENATE BILL	SENATE STATUS	ASSEMBLY BILL	ASSEMBLY STATUS	SHORT TITLE/DESCRIPTION	POSITION	NOTES
				<b>CANCER COVERAGE COST RELIEF</b> – Pursue data collection to enable establishment of a funding stream to alleviate fiscal burden on districts/departments. <b>New legislative proposal</b>	<b>STRONGLY SUPPORT</b>	<b>IUC BILL</b>
<b>S5436 Skoufis</b>	<b>Senate Loc Gov Committee</b>	<b>A.5991 McMahon</b>	<b>Assembly Loc Gov Committee</b>	<b>ENSURE VFBL PARITY WITH WORKERS COMPENSATION</b> – Bring the volunteer firefighters benefit law pay equal to worker’s compensation/what career firefighters receive when injured in the line of duty. <b>2022 legislation: S.1340/A.3597 (Brooks/McMahon)</b>	<b>STRONGLY SUPPORT</b>	<b>IUC BILL</b>
<b>S2986 Kavanagh</b>	<b>Senate Insurance Committee</b>	<b>A4430 Zebrowski</b>	<b>Assembly Insurance Committee</b>	<b>RECOVERY OF 54-G FUNDING TO STRONGLY SUPPORT CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS</b> - 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. <b>2022 legislation: S.6970-A (Kavanagh) / A.8802-A (Zebrowski)</b>	<b>STRONGLY SUPPORT</b>	<b>IUC BILL</b>
<b>S3531 SKOUFIS</b>	<b>Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Calendar</b>	<b>A.5249 Hunter</b>	<b>Assembly Gov Ops Committee</b>	<b>TIMELY ADOPTION OF BUILDING CODE</b> - Directs the state fire prevention and building code council to update the state fire prevention and building code and the	<b>STRONGLY SUPPORT</b>	<b>IUC BILL</b>



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				state energy conservation construction code <b>2022 legislation:</b> S.6210-B (Skoufis) / A.3559-B (Hunter)			
<b>S4020 MAYER</b>	<b>Senate Local Government Committee</b>	<b>A3992 OTIS</b>	<b>Assembly Local Government Committee</b>	<b>DESIGNATE EMS AS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE AND EXPAND THE BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO EMS PERSONNEL AND SET STANDARDS FOR EMS</b> – 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. <b>2022 legislation:</b> S.8432-A (Mayer) / A.9509-A (Otis)	<b>STRONGLY SUPPORT</b>	<b>IUC BILL</b>	
				<b>ANALYZE FINDINGS FROM THE NYS DHSES RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION TASK FORCE</b> Implement recommendations from the VFS Task Force by developing legislation to strengthen the volunteer fire service in NYS.	<b>STRONGLY SUPPORT</b>	<b>IUC BILL</b>	
<b>S3458 SKOUFIS</b>	<b>Senate Codes Committee</b>	<b>A2776 ZEBROWSKI</b>	<b>Assembly Codes Committee</b>	<b>STRENGTHEN PENAL CODE IN RELATION TO ILLEGAL BUILDING CONVERSIONS</b> 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	<b>STRONGLY SUPPORT</b>	<b>IUC BILL</b>	



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				proper egress and could create an extremely dangerous situation for firefighters. <b>2022 legislation: S.3741 (Gaughran) / A.6087 (Zebrowski)</b>		
				<b>ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS</b> 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. <b>New legislative proposal</b>	<b>STRONGLY SUPPORT</b>	<b>IUC BILL</b>
				<b>Lithium Ion Battery Safety Standards</b> 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.	<b>STRONGLY SUPPORT</b>	<b>IUC BILL</b>
<b>NO SAME AS</b>		<b>A6274 Barrett</b>	<b>Assembly Ways &amp; Means Committee</b>	<b>CONTINUE TO IMPROVE TAX BENEFITS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS</b> – This bill would allow for volunteer firefighters and	<b>STRONGLY SUPPORT</b>	<b>IUC Bill</b>



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				ambulance workers to receive both the volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers tax credit and a locally enacted real property tax exemption. Push to allow volunteer firefighters to receive both 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.		
				<b>Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention Task Force Report, December 2022:</b> <a href="#">vff.task_force_report-final_0.pdf (ny.gov)</a>		
<b>S324</b> <b>Oberacker</b>	<b>1/4/23 Senate Budget and Revenue Cmte</b>	<b>NO SAME AS</b>		<b>Relates to providing a state income tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	
<b>S5212</b> <b>Jackson</b>	<b>Senate Civil Service Committee</b>	<b>A5201</b> <b>Pfeffer Amato</b>	<b>Assembly Loc Gov Committee</b> <b>Referred to Ways and Means</b>	Relates to the effect and rebuttal of certain medical presumptions relating to heart disease	<b>SUPPORT</b>	
<b>S1059</b> <b>May</b>	<b>Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading on Calendar</b>	<b>A5311</b> <b>Zebrowski</b>	<b>Assembly Gov Ops Committee</b>	Relates to code enforcement training programs for code enforcement personnel	<b>SUPPORT</b>	



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<b>S.5944 SKOUFIS</b>	<b>Senate Budget and Revenue Committee</b>	<b>A185 Woerner</b>	<b>1/4/23 Assembly Ways and Means</b>	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.	<b>SUPPORT</b>	
<b>NO SAME AS</b>		<b>A2267 NORRIS</b>	<b>Assembly Labor Committee</b>	Allows volunteer firefighters to attend training without being penalized by their employer; and creates tax incentives for employing volunteer firefighters	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>R&amp;R</b>
<b>NO SAME AS</b>		<b>A2505 ANGELINO</b>	<b>Assembly Gov Operations</b>	Establishes a statewide fire protection and emergency response task force comprised of eight members who shall develop a plan focusing on the standards and training requirements necessary to effectuate fire protection and emergency response services in rural areas throughout the state of New York.	<b>SUPPORT</b>	
<b>S.6058 OBERACKER</b>	<b>Senate Committee on Budget and Revenue</b>	<b>A2654 ANGELINO</b>	<b>Assembly Ways and Means Committee</b>	Gives state income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$2500	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>R&amp;R; Tax Credit</b>
<b>NO SAME AS</b>		<b>A3166 PAULIN</b>	<b>Assembly Ways and Means Committee</b>	Provides additional aid to municipalities for the purposes of funding next generation 9-1-1 technology and providing continuity of emergency dispatching services	<b>SUPPORT</b>	



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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	
S4980 MURRAY	Senate Loc Gov Committee	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		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	
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	
S.5187 Skoufis	Senate Judiciary Committee	A137 Santabarbara	1/4/23 Assembly Judiciary Committee	Exempts active volunteer firefighters from jury duty	SUPPORT	<a href="#">Memo in Support</a> Sent to Assm. Santabarbara
S1129 SKOUFIS	Senate Transportation Committee	A5409 GUNTHER	Assembly Transportation Committee	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	STRONGLY SUPPORT	



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				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.		
S1165 OVERACKER	Senate Codes Committee	A.6265 Angelino	Senate Codes Committee	The bill elevates assault of a code enforcement official in the second degree to a class D felony.	SUPPORT	
S1176 HARCKHAM	Passed Senate	A5364 Levenberg	Assembly Loc Gov Committee	Makes permanent provisions creating a presumption relating to certain lung disabilities incurred by volunteer firefighters	SUPPORT	
S1180 Harkham	Passed Senate	A3033 Zebrowski	Assembly Loc Gov Committee	Makes provisions permanent relating to disability due to disease or malfunction of the heart or coronary arteries	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 the state fire prevention and building council shall be from the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	
S1219 COMRIE	Senate 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading on Calendar	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	Oppose Legislates Code	





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				extinguishes to be 75 feet, which is the NFPA standard.		
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	Chapter 18	A625 THIELE	Chapter 18	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: <a href="#">Notice of Proposed Rule Making   Department of State (ny.gov)</a> 19 NYCRR Parts 1220, 1221, 1226 – hot tubs and spas A copy of the Rule Text is available <a href="#">here</a> .
S1498 FERNANDEZ	Passed Both Houses	A604 PAULIN	Passed Both Houses	Authorizes the use of certain property in the city of New Rochelle for the construction of municipal fire services.		
S154-A KRUEGER	Senate Consumer Committee	A.4938 Dinowitz	Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee	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	A.5310 Dinowitz	Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee	Prohibits the sale of second-use lithium-ion batteries. Prohibits the	Support How will it be enforced?	





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<b>S1843 COMRIE</b>	<b>Senate Finance Committee</b>	<b>NO SAME AS</b>		Requires owners and agents of multiple residences and multiple dwellings to provide names and contact information of residents to emergency personnel	<b>OPPOSE</b> <b>Difficult to keep current and accurate</b>	
<b>S1852 HINCHEY</b>	<b>Senate Health Committee</b>	<b>A1091 KELLES</b>	<b>Assembly Health Committee</b>	Establishes the consolidated assistance program for EMS departments which creates a sustainable state financing mechanism for emergency medical services		
<b>S1939 BAILEY</b>	<b>Senate Finance Committee</b>	<b>A.6305 Zebrowski</b>	<b>Assembly Gov Ops Committee</b>	<b>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 opportunities for the secretary of the state to determine whether a locality should continue to conduct its own code enforcement.</b>	<b>SUPPORT WITH AMENDS:</b> Creates the State Code Enforcement Ombudsperson, gives the local municipality less control and more control to the "Ombudsperson".	
<b>S2048 FELDER</b>	<b>Senate Budget and Revenue Committee</b>	<b>A4404 GUNTHER</b>	<b>Assembly Ways and Means Committee</b>	Increases the volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' credit	<b>SUPPORT</b>	
<b>S2072 MAY</b>	<b>Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>NO SAME AS</b>		Requires the issuance of certificates of occupancy for rental property damaged by fire	<b>SUPPORT</b>	
<b>S2089 PALUMBO</b>	<b>Senate Judiciary Committee</b>	<b>A4319 THIELE</b>	<b>Assembly Judiciary Committee</b>	To give local justice courts the authority to issue injunctions and temporary	<b>SUPPORT</b>	



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				restraining orders to enforce local land use, fire and building codes.		
<b>S2196 RIVERA</b>	<b>Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>NO SAME AS</b>		Imposes certain penalties related to violations of building and fire code standards within fourteen days and increases certain fine amounts for violations of housing standards in New York city	<b>SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS</b>	<b>APPLIES TO NYC: SHOULD APPLY ACROSS THE STATE</b>
<b>S2294 MAYER</b>	<b>Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading on Calendar</b>	<b>A2134 DINOWITZ</b>	<b>Assembly Housing Committee</b>	Requires owners and agents of multiple residences and multiple dwellings to provide names and contact information of residents to emergency personnel	<b>OPPOSE</b> <b>Difficult to keep current and accurate</b>	
<b>S2389 MYRIE</b>	<b>Passed Senate; in Assembly Judiciary Committee</b>	<b>NO SAME AS</b>		Authorizes the mortgagee or lienor of an abandoned multiple dwelling to apply for the appointment of a receiver to bring the building into compliance		
<b>S2418 COMRIE</b>	<b>Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>A5617 ZEBROWSKI</b>	<b>Assembly Gov Ops Committee</b>	Expands remedies for violations of New York state uniform fire prevention and building code.	<b>SUPPORT</b>	
<b>S3057-A Helming</b>	<b>Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>A5886 JONES</b>	<b>Assembly Education Committee</b>	Permits schools to allow fire departments to make a recruitment presentation in a high school	<b>SUPPORT</b>	
<b>S3354 SKOUFIS</b>	<b>Passed Senate</b>	<b>A5618 Zebrowski</b>	<b>Assembly Gov Ops Committee</b>	Relates to conducting investigations into the administration and enforcement of the New York state uniform fire prevention and building code and the New York state energy conservation construction code	<b>SUPPORT</b>	
<b>S3372</b>	<b>Senate Housing Committee</b>	<b>A5620 Zebrowski</b>	<b>Assembly Gov Ops Committee</b>	Ensures proper administration and enforcement of the uniform fire prevention and building code and the state energy conservation construction code	<b>SUPPORT</b>	



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<b>S3404 BRESLIN</b>	<b>Senate Insurance Committee</b>	<b>A172 PAULIN</b>	<b>Assembly Insurance Committee</b>	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.	<b>SUPPORT WITH CONCERN</b>	
<b>S4237 O'MARA</b>	<b>Senate Budget and Revenue Committee</b>	<b>A5157 Palmesano</b>	<b>Assembly Ways and Means Committee</b>	Enacts the "omnibus emergency services volunteer incentive act" to provide certain benefits to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers	<b>SUPPORT</b>	
<b>S426 HINCHEY</b>	<b>Senate Local Government Committee</b>	<b>NO SAME AS</b>		<b>Relates to allowing a county to enter into a municipal cooperative agreement to provide joint emergency medical services.</b> 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.	<b>STRONGLY SUPPORT</b>	
<b>S4514 FERNANDEZ</b>	<b>Senate Loc Gov Committee</b>	<b>NO SAME AS</b>		Authorizes municipalities to treat unpaid fines for building code and fire code violations as unpaid real property taxes	<b>SUPPORT</b>	
<b>S4711 MARTINEZ</b>	<b>Passed Senate</b>	<b>NO SAME AS</b>		Establishes the payment of certain volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker death benefits shall be	<b>SUPPORT</b>	



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				within ninety days of the filing of application to receive such death benefit		
S5167 Ortt	Senate Finance	A6036 Jones	Assembly Hi Ed Committee	Creates a volunteer firefighter scholarship program and a volunteer firefighter scholarship fund	SUPPORT	
S5231 Thomas	Senate Loc Gov Committee	NO SAME AS		Provides enhanced cancer disability benefits to volunteer firefighters	SUPPORT	
S5339 Weik	Senate Codes Committee	NO SAME AS		Designates offenses against law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel as hate crimes	SUPPORT	
S5397 Harkham	Senate Transportation Committee	A5604 Magnarelli	Assembly 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	Relates to the display of green lights on the vehicles of members of mobile crisis teams	STRONGLY OPPOSE	
S562-A KAVANAGH	Passed out of Senate Housing Committee 1/24/23 Referred to Senate Energy Committee	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 later than July 1, 2027 for all other buildings.	STRONGLY OPPOSE	
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.	Oppose	
S622 KAVANAGH	Senate 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading on Calendar	NO SAME AS		Relates to application of the state uniform fire prevention and building code and relevant local building and fire regulations to certain premises	SUPPORT	
S655 ORTT	Senate Cultural Affairs Committee	A4401 MORINELLO	Assembly Tourism Committee	Provides free use of state parks and campsites for volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance service.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	



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<b>S789 ORTT</b>	<b>Senate Higher Education Committee</b>	<b>NO SAME AS</b>		Extends tuition free course benefits to volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers	<b>STRONGLY SUPPORT</b>	
<b>S849 ZEBROWSKI</b>	<b>Chapter 88</b>	<b>A623 Zebrowski</b>	<b>Chapter 88</b>	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>
<b>S892 HOYLMAN</b>	<b>Senate Transportation Committee</b>	<b>A2786 PAULIN</b>	<b>Assembly Transportation Committee</b>	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.	<b>SUPPORT W/ CONCERN How will it be enforced?</b>	
<b>S6098 SKOUFIS</b>	<b>Senate Loc Gov Committee</b>	<b>A.5744 STIRPE</b>	<b>Assembly Loc Gov Committee</b>	Provides that a fire company may elect to include call firefighters within its membership who shall receive a stipend for each call that he or she responds to		
<b>S5951 BORRELLO</b>	<b>Senate Loc Gov Committee</b>	<b>A1999 HAWLEY</b>	<b>Assembly Loc Gov Committee</b>	Povides that each fire district, department or company required to provide enhanced cancer disability benefits for volunteer fire fighters shall be entitled to reimbursement by the state	<b>SUPPORT</b>	



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NO SAME AS		A5975 SHIMSKY	Assembly Loc Gov Committee	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	Strongly Oppose	
S6237 CLEAR	Senate Consumer Protection Committee	NO SAME AS		Sets requirements for the sale, lease, and rental of powered bicycles, powered mobility devices, and storage batteries for such devices		
S6155 SKOUFIS	Senate Civil Service Committee	NO SAME AS		Authorizes retired firefighters to be employed as fire science instructors by career and technical education centers without a reduction of benefits	SUPPORT	
NO SAME AS		A.6184 Curran	Assembly Ways & Means Committee	Excludes from federal adjusted gross income the amount of any service award paid to a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker	SUPPORT	