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HOT Bill List



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SENATE BILL	SENATE STATUS	ASSEMBLY BILL	ASSEMBLY STATUS	SHORT TITLE/DESCRIPTION	POSITION	NOTES
S5833 Mannion	Senate 3 rd Reading	A4970 Hunter	Assembly Ways and Means Committee	Authorizes exemptions from school district real property taxes for volunteer firefighters residing in such school district.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
S7286 Martinez	Senate Budget and Revenue Committee	A7524-A Thiele	Assembly Ways and Means Committee	Provides that for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2024, a resident taxpayer who serves as an active volunteer firefighter or as a volunteer ambulance worker shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this article Equal to \$800.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
S5436 Skoufis	Senate Local Gov Committee	A5991 McMahon	Assembly Local Gov Committee	in the case of total disability adjudged to be permanent the volunteer firefighter shall be paid twelve hundred dollars for each week during the continuance there of. [currently \$600.00 in vfbl & \$1,100 in wc]	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
S5944 Skoufis	Senate Budget and Revenue Committee	A185 Woerner	Assembly Ways and Means Committee	Provides increased state income tax credit Provides increase credit to volunteer firefighters and members of volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$1200; Requires such must be in good standing for a minimum of five years and maintain continued eligibility.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
TBI				Advocate for accessible housing for first responders many first responders can no longer afford to live in the communities they volunteer to protect.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
				CANCER COVERAGE COST RELIEF – Pursue data collection to enable establishment of a funding stream to alleviate fiscal burden on districts/departments.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
S8486 Hinchev	Senate Health Committee	A9102 Kelley	Assembly Health Committee	Relates to Medicaid Reimbursement for Treatment in Place and Transportation to		



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				Alternative Health Care Settings by Ambulance Services		
S8574 Jackson	Senate Finance Committee	A.9241 Weprin	Assembly Governmental Operations Committee	This bill will ensure the safety of all paid and volunteer fire fighters, by updating the reporting requirements in relation to training and qualifications.		
S2986 Kavanagh	Senate Insurance Committee	A4430 Zebrowski	Assembly Insurance Committee	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.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
S3531-A SKOUFIS	Senate 3 rd Reading	A.5249-A Hunter	Assembly Gov Ops Committee	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 state energy conservation construction code	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
S4020-B MAYER	Amend Senate Local Gov Committee	A3992-B OTIS	Amend Assembly Local Gov Committee	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.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
				ANALYZE FINDINGS FROM THE NYS DHSES RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION TASK FORCE	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL



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				Implement recommendations from the VFS Task Force by developing legislation to strengthen the volunteer fire service in NYS.		
S3458 SKOUFIS	Senate Codes Committee	A2776 ZEBROWSKI	Assembly Codes Committee	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 proper egress and could create an extremely dangerous situation for firefighters.	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
NO SAME AS		A1401 Thiele	Assembly Housing Committee	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.	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	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL



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				from decisionmakers and opine as a trusted public safety voice.		
S6630 Mannion	Senate Budget & Revenue Committee	A6274 Barrett	Assembly Ways & Means Committee	<p>CONTINUE TO IMPROVE TAX BENEFITS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS – This bill would allow for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers to receive both the volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers tax credit and a locally enacted real property tax exemption.</p> <p>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.</p>	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC Bill
S4711 MARTINEZ	Passed Senate	A7168 SILLITTI	Assembly Local Gov Committee	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	SUPPORT	IUC BILL
S6058 OBERACKER	Senate Committee on Budget and Revenue	A2654 ANGELINO	Assembly Ways and Means Committee	Gives state income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$2500	SUPPORT	R&R; Tax Credit IUC Bill
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,	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC Bill



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				village, town, part town, special district, school district, fire district or county purposes.		
S1176 HARCKHAM	Senate 3 rd Reading Passed Senate in 2023	A5364 Levenberg	Assembly Local Gov Committee	Makes permanent provisions creating a presumption relating to certain lung disabilities incurred by volunteer firefighters	SUPPORT	IUC Bill
S2048 FELDER	Senate Budget and Revenue Committee	A4404 GUNTHER	Assembly Ways and Means Committee	Increases the volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' credit	SUPPORT	IUC Bill
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	IUC Bill
S6098 SKOUFIS	Senate Loc Gov Committee	A5744 STIRPE	Assembly Loc Gov Committee	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	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC BILL
S5951 BORRELLO	Senate Loc Gov Committee	A1999 HAWLEY	Assembly Loc Gov Committee	Provides 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	SUPPORT	IUC BILL
S6759 Thomas	Senate Budget and Revenue Committee	A.5951 Wallace	Assembly Ways and Means Committee	Relates to allowing a tax exemption for fire extinguishers and fire, heat and carbon monoxide alarms purchased for residential use	SUPPORT	IUC Bill
S7079-A Harckham	Senate Mental Health Committee	A7552-A Burdick	Assembly Mental Health Committee	Relates to the first responder peer support program act	SUPPORT	IUC Bill
S6273 Mannion	Senate Civil Service Committee	A7219 Sillitti	Assembly Gov. Employees Committee	Establishes a retirement service credit for volunteer fire or emergency service	SUPPORT	IUC Bill



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S324 Oberacker	Senate Budget and Revenue Committee	NO SAME AS		Relates to providing a state income tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers	STRONGLY SUPPORT	IUC Bill
S5212 Jackson	Enacting Clause Stricken (the Senate bill is dead)	A5201 Pfeffer Amato	Assembly Gov. Employees	Relates to the effect and rebuttal of certain medical presumptions relating to heart disease	SUPPORT	
S1059 May	Senate 3 rd Reading	A5311 Zebrowski	Assembly Gov Ops Committee	Relates to code enforcement training programs for code enforcement personnel	SUPPORT	
NO SAME AS		A2267 NORRIS	Assembly Labor Committee	Allows volunteer firefighters to attend training without being penalized by their employer; and creates tax incentives for employing volunteer firefighters	SUPPORT	R&R
NO SAME AS		A2505 ANGELINO	Assembly Gov Operations	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.	SUPPORT	
NO SAME AS		A3166 PAULIN	Assembly Ways and Means Committee	Provides additional aid to municipalities for the purposes of funding next generation 9-1-1 technology and providing continuity of emergency dispatching services	SUPPORT	
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	OPPOSE Already in the Code	



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				precious time lost that occurs when a building is not clearly marked.		
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	Assembly Judiciary Committee	Exempts active volunteer firefighters from jury duty	SUPPORT	Memo in Support Sent to Assm. Santabarbara
S1129 SKOUFIS	Senate Transportation Committee	A5409 GUNTHER	Assembly 3 rd Reading Passed Assembly in 2023	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	
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	
S1180 Harkham	Passed Senate Passed Senate in 2023	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 Passed Senate in 2023	A7449 Buttenschon	Assembly Gov Ops Committee	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	



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S1218-B COMRIE	Senate 3 rd Reading	A1080-B Woerner	Passed Assembly; Recalled for amendment; Restored to 3 rd Reading	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 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	
S154-D KRUEGER	Senate Consumer Protection	A.4938-B 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 Protection Passed Senate in 2023	A.5310 Dinowitz	Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee	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?	
S1843 COMRIE	Senate Budget and Revenue Committee	NO SAME AS		Provides a tax credit for the installation of certain fire sprinkler systems		



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S1852 HINCHEY	Senate Health Committee	A1091-A KELLES NOT CURRENTLY COMPANIONS DUE TO ASSM. BILL AMENDMENT	Assembly Health Committee	Establishes the consolidated assistance program for EMS departments which creates a sustainable state financing mechanism for emergency medical services		
S1939 BAILEY	Senate Finance Committee	A.6305 Zebrowski	Assembly Gov Ops 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 opportunities for the secretary of the state to determine whether a locality should continue to conduct its own code enforcement.	SUPPORT WITH AMENDS: Creates the State Code Enforcement Ombudsperson, gives the local municipality less control and more control to the "Ombudsperson".	
S2072 MAY	Senate	NO SAME AS		Requires the issuance of certificates of occupancy for rental property damaged by fire	SUPPORT	
S2089 PALUMBO	Senate Judiciary Committee	A4319 THIELE	Assembly Judiciary Committee	To give local justice courts the authority to issue injunctions and temporary restraining orders to enforce local land use, fire and building codes.	SUPPORT	
S2196-B RIVERA	Senate Housing Committee Passed Senate in 2023	A8863 Zebrowski	Assembly Go Ops Committee	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	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS	APPLIES TO NYC: SHOULD APPLY ACROSS THE STATE
S2389 MYRIE	Passed Senate; Referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee	NO SAME AS		Authorizes the mortgagee or lienor of an abandoned multiple dwelling to apply for the appointment of a receiver to bring the building into compliance		



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S2418 COMRIE	Senate 3 rd Reading Passed Senate in 2023	A5617 ZEBROWSKI	Assembly Gov Ops Committee	Expands remedies for violations of New York state uniform fire prevention and building code.	SUPPORT	
S3057-A Helming	Senate 3 rd Reading	A5886 JONES	Assembly Education Committee	Permits schools to allow fire departments to make a recruitment presentation in a high school	SUPPORT	
S3354 SKOUFIS	Senate Finance Committee Passed Senate in 2023	A5618 Zebrowski	Assembly Gov Ops Committee	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	SUPPORT	
S3372 SKOUFIS	Senate Finance Committee	A5620 Zebrowski	Assembly Gov Ops Committee	Ensures proper administration and enforcement of the uniform fire prevention and building code and the state energy conservation construction code	SUPPORT	
S3404 BRESLIN	Senate Insurance Committee	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	
S4237 O'MARA	Senate Budget and Revenue Committee	A5157 Palmesano	Assembly Ways and Means Committee	Enacts the "omnibus emergency services volunteer incentive act" to provide certain benefits to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers	SUPPORT	
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	STRONGLY SUPPORT	



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				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.		
S4514 FERNANDEZ	Senate Loc Gov Committee	NO SAME AS		Authorizes municipalities to treat unpaid fines for building code and fire code violations as unpaid real property taxes	SUPPORT	
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	A6792 DESTEFANO	Assembly Codes Committee	Designates offenses against law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel as hate crimes	SUPPORT	
S562-A KAVANAGH	Senate Housing 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	

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S622 KAVANAGH	Senate 3 rd Reading Passed Senate in 2023	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	
S789 ORTT	Senate Higher Education Committee	NO SAME AS			Extends tuition free course benefits to volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers	STRONGLY SUPPORT	
S892 HOYLMAN-SIGAL	Senate Transportation Committee	A2786 PAULIN	Assembly Transportation Committee		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 W/ CONCERN How will it be enforced?	
S6237 CLEARE	Senate Consumer Protection Committee	A5677-A TAPIA	Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee		Sets requirements for the sale, lease, and rental of powered bicycles, powered mobility devices, and storage batteries for such devices		
S6155-A SKOUFIS	Senate Civil Service Committee	A7455-A GUNTHER	Assembly Gov Employees Committee		Authorizes retired firefighters to be employed as fire science instructors by career and technical education centers without a reduction of benefits	SUPPORT	
S6428 Kennedy	Senate Insurance Committee	A1403 Hunter	Assembly Insurance Committee		Mandates insurance policies for firefighters to include a number of screenings and early detection tests due to their increased risk for cancer and cancer-related disease	SUPPORT	
S.6745 SKOUFIS	Senate 3 rd Reading	A.5574 Brabenec Not Same As	Enacting Clause Stricken (Assembly bill is dead)		Requires the use of remote training programs in code enforcement training	SUPPORT	
S.6809 Cleare	Senate Finance Committee	A.6811-C Tapia	Assembly Gov Ops Committee Agenda		Establishes a Lithium Ion Battery Safety Program		



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S8518 Griffo	Senate Finance Committee	No Same As		Creates a volunteer firefighter training fund		
S8598 Harckham	Senate Housing Committee	A8616 Zebrowski	Assembly Governmental Operations Committee	Relates to minimum staffing levels for agencies enforcing the minimum standards under the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code Act		
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	