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Senate Bill #	Assembly Bill #	Status	Description	United Concern?	Support Status
<b>NYS Fire Service Alliance Issues of United Concern</b>					
S4173A GAUGHRAN	A5957A GUNTHER	5/20/19 PASSED SENATE 6/13/19 REFERRED TO THE ASSM RULES COMM	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 6/7/19 RECOMMIT 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. <b>NEW SENATE SPONSOR</b>	Y	
S4631 GAUGHRAN	A5895 MAGNARELLI	5/6/19 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO SEN FINANCE COMM 2/20/19 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	
S1401 CARLUCCI	A8065 DESTEFANO	1/14/19 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMM RENEWAL COMM 5/31/19 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	An act to amend the executive law, in relation to subjecting owners who knew or should have known about an alteration in violation of the uniform code to a civil penalty	Y	
S4938 CARLUCCI	A2128 ZEBROWSKI	1/22/19 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMM RENEWAL COMM	An act to amend the executive law, in relation to expanding remedies for violations of New York state uniform fire prevention and building code	Y	
S1714 BROOKS	A3343 ZEBROWSKI	1/15/19 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMM RENEWAL COMM 1/29/19 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	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.	Y	

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<b>S6512</b> HARCKHAM	<b>A6260A</b> GUNTHER	<b>1/14/19 SEN ENVORN CONSV LAW</b> <b>6/14/19 AMENDED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> READING</b>	Establish a prohibition on the sale of upholstered furniture which employs the use of carcinogenic flame retardant chemicals.	<b>Y</b>	
<b>TWO CHAMBER BILLS</b>					
<b>S3247A</b> SALAZAR	<b>A1024A</b> ROSENTHAL	<b>5/20/19 PASSED SENATE</b> <b>2/4/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>Authorizes</b> certain law enforcement officers and firefighters to possess and administer epinephrine by use of an epinephrine auto-injector device	<b>N</b>	<b>NP</b>
<b>S80</b> ROBACH	<b>A4438</b> DENDEKKER	<b>3/26/19 SEN TRANSPORTATION COMM</b> <b>3/26/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY</b>	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.	<b>N</b>	<b>NP</b>
<b>S3057</b> GAUGHRAN	<b>A550</b> CAHILL	<b>3/12/19 PASSED SENATE</b> <b>3/12/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT</b>	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	<b>N</b>	
<b>S4134</b> SKOUFIS	<b>A6378</b> GUNTHER	<b>4/8/19 PASSED SENATE</b> <b>4/8/19 ASSM GOVT EMPLOYEES</b>	Authorizes retired firefighters to be employed as fire science instructors by career and technical education centers without reduction of benefits.	<b>N</b>	
<b>S439A</b> HOLYMAN	<b>A445A</b> STECK	<b>6/14/19 PASSED SENATE</b> <b>6/14/19 REF TO ASSM CODES</b>	<b>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.</b>	<b>N</b>	
<b>S1645B</b> BROOKS	<b>A2468C</b> WALLACE	<b>5/20/19 PASSED SENATE</b> <b>6/11/19 3<sup>RD</sup> READING ASSM RULES COMM</b>	<b>HOME BUILDERS MUST PROVIDE A COST ESTIMATE FOR SPRINKLERS IN ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS.</b>	<b>N</b>	
<b>S4175</b> GAUGHRAN	<b>A1820</b> MAGNARELLI	<b>5/15/19 PASSED SENATE</b> <b>1/17/19 ASSM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION</b>	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	<b>N</b>	
<b>S1997B</b> LITTLE	<b>A4676B</b> STEC	<b>6/4/19 PASSED SENATE</b> <b>6/12/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVTS COMM</b>	<b>PERMITS ESSEX COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FOR EMS AND GENERAL AMBULANCE SERVICE.</b> <b>THE DISTRICT IS THE ENTIRE COUNTY!</b>	<b>N</b>	
<b>S5473A</b> MARTINEZ	<b>A7721A</b> GRIFFIN	<b>6/11/19 PASSED SENATE</b> <b>6/12/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM</b>	Increase maximum compensation from \$35 to \$100; Increase maximum compensation from \$50 to \$200 for chairpersons, election inspectors and ballot clerks for fire district elections. <b>(expressed as a not to exceed amount)</b>	<b>N</b>	
<b>S5418</b> HARCKHAM	<b>A563</b> BUCHWALD	<b>6/6/19 PASSED SENATE</b> <b>1/9/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM</b>	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	<b>N</b>	

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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	N	
S4207A METZGER	A7552 THIELE	6/12/19 PASSED SENATE 6/12/19 REFERRED TO ASSM WAYS AND MEANS COMM	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	
S6524 GOUNARDES	A8341 ABBATE	6/14/19 SEN WAYS & MEANS 6/14/19 ASSM RULES COMM	Relates to the minimum qualifications to serve as a fire chief in any fire department, fire district or fire protection district that employs six or more paid firefighters	N	
S2936 KAMINSKY	A7717 GRIFFIN	6/3/19 ADVANCED TO 3 <sup>RD</sup> READING 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	
S6079A SANDERS	A3262A ZEBROWSKI	6/13/19 AMMND & RECOMMIT TO SEN BANKS COMMITTEE 6/13/19 AMEND & RECOMMIT TO ASSM BANKS	To allow savings banks, savings and loan associations and Credit unions to accept deposits from municipalities.	N	
S1411A PARKER	A1531 RICHARDSON	6/13/17 AMENDED ON 3 <sup>RD</sup> READING 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	
S3911 JACOBS	A2602 CROUCH	6/4/19 ADVANCED TO 3 <sup>RD</sup> READING 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	5/20/19 ADVANCED TO 3 <sup>RD</sup> READING 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 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	N	NP

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			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.		
S5895 GAUGHRAN	A7276 STERN	6/3/19 ADVANCED TO 3 <sup>RD</sup> READING 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
S5854 GAUGHRAN	A2227 CAHILL	5/29/19 SEN REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE COMM 1/22/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	Exempts the cost of providing cancer coverage to volunteer fire fighters from the 2% tax cap.	N	
S5548 BIAGGI	A7477 THIELE	5/6/19 SEN LOCAL GOVTS COMM 5/23/19 ADVANCE TO 3 <sup>RD</sup> READING ON CALENDAR	Would make significant changes to Article 18 of the General Municipal Law in reference to conflicts of interest for public officers and employees. It would move toward a system where more spousal interests would be conflicts, where the others who would create conflicts for an officer would go from spouse, minor child and dependents to "relatives". It is a wide ranging amendment that would totally change rules pertaining to fire district officers and employees, require adoption of new codes of ethics, move districts closer to coverage by Board of Ethics. It will provide more direction on how to address issues that arise from conflicts . REF: <a href="http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/navigate.cgi?NVDTQ">http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/navigate.cgi?NVDTQ</a> ; as this is a complicated amendment to several sections of the law.	N	NO POSITION
S3674A GOUNDADES	A7178A FRONTUS	5/20/19 AMENDED ON THIRD READING 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	
S4663A CARLUCCI	A1906 ZEBROWSKI	5/29/19 AMEND AND RECOMMIT TO EDUCATION COMM 5/1/19 ASSM WAYS & MEANS COMM	The bill will modernize the process of conducting annual fire inspection reports for public and private schools.		
S5804 BRESLIN	A7510 FAHY	5/15/19 SEN CONSUMER PROTECTION 5/8/19 ASSM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ESTABLISHES LICENCING REGULATIONS FOR WATER BASED FIRE PROTECTION DESIGNING, INSTALLING AND MAINTENANCE	N	

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S5292A GOUNARDES	A1979A ORTIZ	4/30/19 ASSM LABOR COMM	PROVIDES BENEFITS FOR POLICE, CORRECTIONS, FIREFIGHTERS AND OTHER EMERGENCY PERSONNEL DIAGNOSED WITH PTSD.	N	
S1381 RITCHIE	A1582 JONES	1/14/19 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM 1/15/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	An act to amend the general municipal law, in relation to classifying emergency medical services provided by municipalities as essential services for the purposes of applying for and receiving state aid	N	
S5175 ORTT	A1700 HAWLEY	4/12/19 SEN BUDGET & REVENUE 1/16/19 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Creates a wage tax credit for employers who employ New York national guard men and women, reservists, volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel		
S338 AKSHAR	A4573 DENDEKKER	4/30/19 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO SEN FINANCE COMM 2/4/19 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS COMM	Relates to increasing the volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' credit; increases the amount of the credit from \$200 to \$500 for single filers who have served for less than five years and from \$200 to \$1,000 for single filers who serve at least five years and from \$400 to \$1,000 for spouses filing jointly where one spouse has served less than five years and from \$400 to \$2,000 for spouses filing jointly who have each served at least five years.	N	
S5564 SEWARD	A7655 TAGUE	5/7/19 SENATE BUDGET & REVENUE COMM 5/14/19 ASSM WAYS & MEANS	Section one of this legislation provides for an exemption of the gross income from tax under Section 601 of the Tax Law, for each resident of New York State who has qualifying service for which the exemption is claimed as a volunteer firefighter, volunteer ambulance worker, or volunteer emergency medical services personnel squad. This section also describes the "qualifying service" requirements for the purposes of this legislation as a member in good standing with a volunteer fire department or volunteer ambulance service for a minimum of one year, who has completed all required training courses as mandated by New York State, is certified by the chief emergency services coordinator of the county that they serve in, and has attended at least 55% of the activities of the department or service he or she is a member of.	N	
S166 HELMING	A6379 FINCH	1/9/19 SEN INVESTIGATIONS & GOVT OPS COMM 3/7/19 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Enacts "Averyana's law"; provides a tax credit for the purchase and installation of certain smoke alarms which incorporate photoelectric technology including but not limited to: photoelectric detectors; dual photoelectric/ionization detectors; and photoelectric/carbon monoxide detectors.	N	
S2999 FUNKE	A6052 LAWRENCE	1/31/19 SEN BUDGET & REVENUE 2/26/19 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Specifies what percentage of the public safety communications surcharge funds shall go to counties and local governments, and what percentage shall go to the State.  <i>Removing discretion from the state in deciding how wireless</i>	N	

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			<i>surcharge funds will be allocated will ensure local governments receive the funds necessary to upgrade 911 call centers and ensure counties are not forced to raise property and/or sales taxes or fees to cover for Albany's improper withholding of public safety communications surcharge funds.</i>		
S3996 GRIFFO	A5430 SALKA	2/22/19 SEN BUDGET & REVENUE 2/25/19 ASSM TAX LAW COMM	This bill would allow volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers to receive both the volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers tax credit <b>and</b> a locally enacted real property tax exemption.	Y	
S167 HELMING	A5558 MANKTELOW	1/9/19 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM 2/13/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	Relates to youth programs sponsored by fire departments; provides that participants may respond to an emergency or hazardous activity, but shall remain in a designated or marked off area that has been set up by the chief or officer in charge; provides such participant cannot respond to an emergency on a vehicle using lights and/or sirens; furthermore, such participants may not enter a burning structure.	N	
S3323 LAVALLE	A5787 PALUMBO	2/5/19 SEN LOCAL GOVT 2/19/19 ASSM REAL PROP TAX COMM	This bill would amend section 412(a) of the Real Property Tax Law by requiring Industrial Development Agency <u>projects in Suffolk County</u> to be subject to Fire District and Ambulance District taxes.	N	
S98 KAMINSKY	A2735 SOLAGES	2/11/19 SEN HIGHER ED COMM 1/25/19 ASSM HIGHER ED COMM	Amends Paragraph H of Subdivision 2 of Section 355 of the education law to allow the trustees to implement a program to permit any student who has been admitted to a state university in New York to attend without the payment of tuition and fees if such student serves as an active volunteer firefighter. This student will be required to serve as an active volunteer firefighter until the completion of his or her academic program while also maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.	N	
S640 KENNEDY	A4473 DENDEKKER	1/9/19 SEN INVESTIGATIONS & GOVT OPS 2/4/19 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS COMM	Exempts the amount of any service award paid to any volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker from personal income tax	N	
S577 KENNEDY	A4423 DENDEKKER	1/9/19 SEN HIGHER EDUCATION 2/4/19 ASSM HIGHER ED COMM	Establishes the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service volunteer tuition assistance grant program; provides that counties shall have the option to establish such program by the enactment of a local law; provides for state reimbursement to counties for fifty percent of tuition assistance costs.	N	
S939 O'MARA	A4239 PALMESANO	1/9/19 SEN INVESTIGATIONS & GOVT OPS COMM 2/1/19 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS COMM	Authorizes a four hundred dollar tax credit for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers who have been active for four or more consecutive years, so long as they are not receiving a property tax exemption for such volunteer services. Authorizes the fire insurance premium currently charged to foreign mutual	N	



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			fire insurance companies for the benefit, in part, of fire companies, to be used for volunteer recruitment and retention purposes, including contributions to the cost of medical insurance for volunteers. Exempts from registration and vehicle use taxes, motor vehicles owned and used in the performance of their duty by emergency services volunteers. Amends the current provisions of the volunteer recruitment service scholarships so that volunteer organizations can submit the name of up to three qualified candidates, and Creates a volunteer recruitment service loan forgiveness program.		
A352 PAULIN	S2950 BRESLIN	1/9/19 ASSM INSURANCE COMM 1/31/19 SEN INSURANCE COMM	Relates to the distribution of the foreign and alien fire insurance premium tax; amount received shall be distributed to the fire companies <b>in proportion to the number of active members within each fire company of a multi company department</b> <a href="https://dfs.ny.gov/insurance/ogco2008/rg080410.htm">https://dfs.ny.gov/insurance/ogco2008/rg080410.htm</a> Case law has established distribution of funds for both multi company departments and combination departments. This legislation would reaffirm that distribution but we feel the wording should reflect that which is used in the court's rulings.	N	CAUTION NEEDED!
S1996 LITTLE	A1577 JONES	1/18/19 SENATE LOC GOVT COMM 1/15/19 ASSM LOC GOVT COMM	This bill would authorize municipalities to establish a special district for general ambulance services, and would require a report by the commissioner of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to identify challenges concerning volunteer emergency services or personnel. <b>It would further require a study by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, calling upon its experts in the state office of fire prevention and control, to investigate report and make recommendations on how to encourage recruitment of crews and improved response times for their operations.</b>	N	
S669 BOYLE	A1010 ROSENTHAL	1/9/19 SENATE LOCAL GOVT COMM 1/9/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	Requiring display of building numbers on all buildings to which numbers have been assigned ( <b>note that this is already a provision in the ICC Building Code</b> ) <i>The fines are \$25 in the first instance and \$5 for each continuance day; Covered in Section 505 of the State Fire Code 2012</i>	N	
S336 AKSHAR	A1382 CROUCH	1/9/19 SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMM 1/15/19 ASSM TRANSPORTATION	An act to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the issuance of distinctive plates for fire police	N	
S604 GALLIVAN	A2172 HAWLEY	1/9/19 SENATE LOC GOVT COMM 1/22/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	This bill allows a village board of trustees to adopt a local law to allow the percentage of nonresident volunteer members in a	N	

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			village fire company to exceed forty-five percent of the actual membership of the fire company.		NP
A3707 GUNTHER	S1215 RITCHIE	1/11/19 SEN INVESTG & GOVT OPERATIONS COMM 1/30/19 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Allowance of credit. A taxpayer subject to tax under articles nine, nine-a, or twenty-two of this chapter shall be allowed a credit against such tax provided the taxpayer donates equipment or materials to first responder live training programs.	N	NP
A3707 BROOKS	A3343 ZEBROWSKI	1/15/19 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMM DEVEL 1/29/19 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	Relates to violations of the uniform fire prevention and building code.	N	
S265 ORTT	A3515 ENGLEBRIGHT	1/9/19 SEN HIGHER EDUCATION 1/29/19 ASSM HIGER EDUCATION	Extends tuition free course benefits to volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers	N	
S484 KAMINSKY	A3426 ZEBROWSKI	1/9/19 SEN FINANCE COMM 1/29/19ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	Enacts Gio's Law <u>requiring</u> that members of <u>all</u> emergency service providers be trained in the administration of emergency anaphylaxis treatment and to carry emergency anaphylaxis treatment in their vehicles  <b>[ANOTHER UNFUNDED MANDATE FOR VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENS who do not provide EMS services and cannot recover costs]</b>	N	
S1222 RITCHIE	A3479 ZEBROWSKI	1/11/19 SEN INVESTIGATIONS & GOVT OPS 1/29/19 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Provides tax credit to certain volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers and volunteer emergency medical personnel of up to one thousand one hundred dollars for qualifying service; defines "qualifying service".	N	
<b>TOXIC BILLS</b>					
S4398 ADDABBO	A4406B LENTOL	<b>6/11/19 PASSED SENATE</b> 6/11/19 REFERRED TO ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	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	
S5206 GOURNARDES	NO SAME AS	<b>5/6/19 3<sup>rd</sup> READING SENATE</b> <b>6/5/19 REFERRED TO RULES COMM</b>	The chapter amendment to civil service law clarifies that the training requirements to become a fire chief of certain combinations departments (mix of volunteers and professional firefighters) in New York State shall apply to both volunteer and professional firefighters who would be Chief when serving more than 6 career FFs. This amendment further clarifies that such requirements shall apply to both professional and volunteer	N	



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			firefighters serving as fire chiefs.		
S5205A GOUNARDES	A7624A ABBATE	6/13/19 AMENDED ON 3 <sup>RD</sup> READING 6/14/19 REF TO ASSM CODES	<p>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.</p> <p>This is a bill that should be opposed by all local government associations because of the costs it adds to the employee discipline process.</p>	N	
S2813 COMRIE	A1666 VANDEL	1/29/19 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMM DEVEL	<p>REQUIRES LANDLORDS TO PROVIDE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN ALL RENTED APARTMENTS.</p> <p><i>The defect in this bill is training, size &amp; type and maintenance. No guarantee that they will be available when needed, difficult to maintain. Call 911 and leave the building!! The fire service should not support this legislation.</i></p>	N	
S5360 COMRIE	A2913 RODRIGUEZ	3/11/19 SEN BUDG & REVENUE COMM 4/29/19 HOUSING, CONST & COMM DEVEL	<p>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.</p>	N	
NO SAME AS	A5361 FITZPATRICK	2/11/19 ASSM GOVT EMPLOYEE COMM	<p>This bill adds a subdivision to retirement and social security law to expressly prohibit the addition of overtime, unused vacation time, unused sick leave and any unused personal time from the calculation of pension benefits.</p> <p><i>As a public employee your pension would be calculated on your base salary only.</i></p>	N	NP
NO SAME AS	A5591 BRABENEC	2/13/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVTS	<p>An annual election shall be held in each fire district on the first Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, except that in the Ocean Bay Park fire district, the Lonelyville fire district, the Davis Park fire district, the Cherry Grove fire district, the fair Harbor fire district and the Fire Island Pines fire district, Suffolk county, such annual election shall be held on the second Tuesday in July except that in the Belfast fire district, Allegany county, such annual election shall be held on the first Tuesday in December.</p>	N	

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NO SAME AS	A4971 BARCLAY	2/6/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	Most fire district's elections in New York state occur in December. To encourage voter turnout in these elections, this bill gives locals the <b>option</b> to move the fire district elections to the same date as the general election through local referendum. <b>SLIPPERY SLOPE!</b>	N	
NO SAME AS	A1950 ABINANTI	1/18/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	To <b>require</b> the election of fire district commissioners to take place on the same date and at the same location as elections of school board members.  <b>Realize that fire districts and school district boundaries are not contiguous!!!</b>		
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	
S3326 LAVALLE	NO SAME AS	2/5/19 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM	An act to amend the town law, to require absentee ballots for fire district elections <b>HAS BEEN TRYING TO PASS THIS SINCE 2011, unfunded mandate for preparation and distribution of ballots.</b>	N	
<b>SENATE ONLY BILLS</b>					
S1399 CARLUCCI	NO SAME AS	1/15/19 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMM DEVL COMM	Establishes installation and maintenance standards for gas station fire suppression systems. [Legislating the fire code again, not in ICC Codes]	N	
<b>ASSEMBLY ONLY BILLS</b>					
NO SAME AS	A4606 ENGLEBRIGHT	2/4/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	Authorizes local governments to adopt local building code standards which are more stringent than those in the New York state uniform fire prevention and building code <b>without</b> approval of the uniform fire prevention and building code council. <i>Fix the problem; the dysfunctional code council which unfortunately is under the thumb of the Governor.</i>	N	
NO SAME AS	A1413 SIMON	1/15/19 WAGERING AND RACING COMM	An act to amend the general municipal law, in relation to prohibiting firearms as prizes in any game of chance. <i>Many upstate departments rely on the income from fundraising where firearms are the prize, but obtaining the weapon currently</i>	N	

**2019-2020 BILLS RELATED TO THE FIRE SERVICE UPDATED 6/16/19**

**13,105** Bills have been introduced this session  
**3 possibly 4** days left in the 2019 Session



			<i>utilizes the same vetting process</i>		
NO SAME AS	A3418 ZEBROWSKI	1/29/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	This bill will increase the threshold voting requirement for local board to override the tax cap. Currently, some local government boards only need a simple majority to override the cap because a simple majority is equal to sixty percent of the board. This would require a majority plus one vote for local governments that fall within that criterion.	N	
NO SAME AS	A1199 CROUCH	1/14/19 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	<u>Requires</u> members of the state, county, city, village and town police, sheriff's departments, fire departments and emergency medical service providers to be trained in the administration of opioid antagonists. <b>[UNFUNDED MANDATE FOR VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENTS who do not perform EMS services and cannot recover funds]</b>	N	

NP = NO POSITION

Thumbs Up = favor the bill

Thumbs Down = we have issues

Grey Shading = no movement out of committee short time remaining for this session!!

*Note that while we make an effort to capture most of the legislation that potentially will effect the fire service there is a chance that we will miss something. If we do just send me the bill number and we will research it. Some bills reference a person or a single department and will not be included.*