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Senate Bill #	Assembly Bill #	Status	Description	United Concern?	Support Status
NYS Fire Service Alliance Issues of United Concern					
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	
S4173 GAUGHRAN	A5957 GUNTHER	4/10/19 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 2/20/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	The volunteer firefighter disability benefit program provides financial protections to those volunteer firefighters that have contracted cancer as a result of their firefighting duties. As the program has begun to be implemented, there have been a number of departments that have been unable to properly identify those members eligible due to circumstances beyond their control. In some instances, there have been departments that have lost records and some who, following State Education Department guidelines, have only kept records for six years. Additionally, there are some older interior firefighters who were not required to take a fit test as currently required and therefore are having difficulty proving eligibility. The proposed legislation would clarify the current law and allow for an additional verification method so that no firefighter is excluded from the program who otherwise is eligible.	Y	
S3685A BROOKS	A1778 JONES	5/8/19 ADVANCED TO 3RD READING 1/17/19 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. NEW SENATE SPONSOR	Y	
S1401 CARLUCCI	NO SAME AS	1/14/19 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMM RENEWAL COMM	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	

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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	
S1367 RITCHIE	A6260 GUNTHER	1/14/19 SEN ENVORN CONSV LAW 3/4/19 ASSM ENVORN CONSERV COMM	Establish a prohibition on the sale of upholstered furniture which employs the use of carcinogenic flame retardant chemicals.	Y	
TWO CHAMBER BILLS					
S80 ROBACH	A4438 DENDEKKER	1/9/19 SEN TRANSPORTATION COMM 3/26/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY	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.	N	NP
S3247A SALAZAR	A1024A ROSENTHAL	5/13/19 SEN AMENDED THIRD READING 2/4/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY	<u>Authorizes</u> certain law enforcement officers and firefighters to possess and administer epinephrine by use of an epinephrine auto-injector device	N	NP
S3057 GAUGHRAN	A550 CAHILL	3/12/19 PASSED SENATE 3/12/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	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	N	
S4134 SKOUFIS	A6378 GUNTHER	4/8/19 PASSED SENATE 4/8/19 ASSM GOVT EMPLOYEES	Authorizes retired firefighters to be employed as fire science instructors by career and technical education centers without reduction of benefits.	N	
S6024 GAIGHRAN	A7427 JACOBSON	5/16/19 SEN LABOR 5/3/19 ASSM LABOR	An act to amend the workers' compensation law and the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, in relation to requiring the state to provide reimbursement of certain costs and benefits incurred as a result of an injury occurring during a mutual aid call	N	
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	
S5854 GAUGHRAN	A2227 CAHILL	5/15/19 SEN LOCAL GOVT 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	
S5292A GOUNARDES	A1979A ORTIZ	4/30/19 ASSM LABOR COMM	PROVIDES BENEFITS FOR POLICE, CORRECTIONS, FIREFIGHTERS AND OTHER EMERGENCY PERSONNEL DIAGNOSED WITH PTSD.	N	
S4207A METZGER	A7552 THIELE	5/3/19 AMEND AND RECOMIT TO SEN LOCAL GOVT 5/9/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT 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	N	

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S5548 BIAGGI	A7477 THIELE	5/6/19 SEN LOCAL GOVTS COMM 5/6/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM ON LOCAL GOVT COMM AGENDA FOR 5/14/19 1PM	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: http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/navigate.cgi?NVDT0 : as this is a complicated amendment to several sections of the law.	N	NO POSITION
S5419 HARCKHAM	A7352 BUCHWALD	4/26/19 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM 4/30/19 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	
S1645A BROOKS	NO SAME AS A2468A WALLACE	5/3/19 SENATE CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PROTECTION 5/3/19 ASSM GENERAL BUSINESS LAW	HOME BUILDERS MUST PROVIDE A COST ESTIMATE FOR SPRINKLERS IN ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS.	N	
S1997 LITTLE	A4676 STEC	5/2/19 NOTICE OF COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED 2/5/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVTS COMM	PERMITS ESSEX COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FOR EMS AND GENERAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	N	
S3674 GOUNDADES	A7178 FRONTUS	5/15/19 ADVANCE TO 3RD 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	
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		
S4663 CARLUCCI	A1906 ZEBROWSKI	3/20/19 SEN 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.		
S4175 GAUGHRAN	A1820 MAGNARELLI	5/6/19 SEN 1ST REPORT TO CALENDAR 1/17/19 ASSM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION	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	N	

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			property which is the subject of such fines		
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	
S1645B BROOKS	A2468B WALLACE	5/15/19 2ND REPORT TO CALENDAR 1/15/19 ASSM CONSM PROTECTION COMM	One family home constructed or contracted on or after the effective date, the home construction estimate must include a cost estimate for the installation of fire sprinklers. [No penalties if the builder/seller inflates the cost or fails to do so]	N	NP
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	
S1411 PARKER	A1531 RICHARDSON	3/6/19 SEN ADVANCED TO 3RD 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	
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.	N	

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			<i>Removing discretion from the state in deciding how wireless 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 <u>and</u> a locally enacted real property tax exemption.	Y	
S3911 JACOBS	A2602 CROUCH	2/21/19 SEN LABOR COMM 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	
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 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.	N	
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 <u>in proportion to the number of active members within each fire company of a multi company department</u> https://dfs.ny.gov/insurance/ogco2008/rg080410.htm 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. 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.	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 (note that this is already a provision in the ICC Building Code) The fines are \$25 in the first instance and \$5 for each continuance day; Covered in Section 505 of the State Fire Code 2012	N	

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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	
S322 ROBACH	A3262 ZEBROWSKI	1/9/19 LOCAL GOVT COMM 5/13/19 ASSM RECOMMIT ENACTING CLAUSE STRICKEN	To allow savings banks, savings and loan associations and Credit unions to accept deposits from municipalities.	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 village fire company to exceed forty-five percent of the actual membership of the fire company.	N	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
S1714 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 [ANOTHER UNFUNDED MANDATE FOR VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENS who do not provide EMS services and cannot recover costs]	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	
TOXIC BILLS					
S5206 GOURNARDES	A07133 ABBATE	5/6/19 3 rd READING SENATE 4/10/19 ASSM GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES	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	N	

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			requirements shall apply to both professional and volunteer firefighters serving as fire chiefs.		
S5205 GOUNDADES	A7624 ABBATE	4/16/19 SEN CIVIL SERVICE COMM 5/14/19 ASSM GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES COMM	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 be a member of the American Arbitration Association. In addition, the ability to suspend without pay pending the hearing is severely limited. This is a bill that should be opposed by all local government associations because of the costs it adds to the employee discipline process.	N	
S5360 COMRIE	A2913 RODRIGUEZ	3/11/19 SEN BUDG & REVENUE COMM 4/29/19 HOUSING, CONST & COMM DEVEL	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.	N	
S4398 ADDABBO	A4406B LENTOL	3/11/19 SEN BUDGET & REVENUE 2/4/19 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	
NO SAME AS	A5361 FITZPATRICK	2/11/19 ASSM GOVT EMPLOYEE COMM	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. <i>As a public employee your pension would be calculated on your base salary only.</i>	N	NP
NO SAME AS	A5591 BRABENEC	2/13/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVTS	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.	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 option to move the fire district elections to the same date as the general election through local referendum. SLIPPERY SLOPE!	N	
NO SAME AS	A1950 ABINANTI	1/18/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	To require the election of fire district commissioners to take place on the same date and at the same location as elections of school board members. Realize that fire districts and school district boundaries are not contiguous!!!		
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 HAS BEEN TRYING TO PASS THIS SINCE 2011, unfunded mandate for preparation and distribution of ballots.	N	
S2813 COMRIE	A1666 VANEL	1/29/19 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMM DEVEL	REQUIRES LANDLORDS TO PROVIDE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN ALL RENTED APPARTMENTS. The defect in this bill is training, size & 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.	N	
SENATE ONLY BILLS					
S5473 MARTINEZ	NO SAME AS	5/1/19 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM	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.	N	
S178 HELMING	NO SAME AS	5/15/19 SENATE 2 ND REPORT CALENDAR SCHEDULED FOR HEARING ON 5/14	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	N	NP



			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 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.		
S2936 KAMINSKY	NO SAME AS	1/30/19 SEN 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	
S761 TEDISCO	NO SAME AS	1/9/19 SEN HEALTH COMM	<u>Authorizes</u> certain law enforcement officers and firefighters to possess and administer epinephrine by use of an epinephrine auto-injector device		
S565 KENNEDY	NO SAME AS	1/9/19 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMM DEVEL	This bill clarifies the frequency at which fire hydrants must be tested, and provides for a report on fire hydrant maintenance over the last year.	N	
S146 CARLUCCI	NO SAME AS	1/9/19 SENATE EDUCATION COMM	The bill will provide an enforcement mechanism for the State Education Department in order to ensure that the fire safety report requirement is complied with.	N	
S666 BOYLE	NO SAME AS	1/9/19 SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMM	An act directing the department of transportation to study the weight limitations for fire vehicles with pneumatic tires To examine raising or eliminating fire vehicle weight restrictions.	N	NP
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	

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S1605 BRESLIN	NO SAME AS	1/15/19 SEN INSURANCE COMM	Relates to taxes on foreign fire insurance premiums; permits local governments to update outdated laws related to the disbursement of foreign fire insurance.	N	NP
S656 BOYLE	NO SAME AS	1/9/19 SEN LOCAL GOVT	Increases the rates of compensation for the chairman, election inspectors and ballot clerks in fire districts from \$35 to not to exceed \$100 and where longer election times are held from \$50 to \$200. <i>Current amounts do not equal minimum pay!</i>		
S164 HELMING	NO SAME AS	1/9/19 SENATE TRANSPORTATION	Allows for more than one light to be used on the vehicle, updates an outdated law.	N	
S1398 CARLUCCI	NO SAME AS	1/14/19 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM	Authorizes municipalities and districts to enter into cooperative agreements for the provision of centralized public employee administrative and personnel services	N	NP
S199 ORTT	NO SAME AS	1/9/19 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM	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.	N	NP
S199 CARLUCCI	NO SAME AS	1/11/19 SEN INVESTIGATIONS & GOVT OPS	This program will provide a progressive program of credits for volunteers who attend at least forty percent of the activities and are in good standing with at least one year of service. The credit begins at \$250 after the first year of service and goes to \$2500 for ten or more years of consecutive service.	N	
ASSEMBLY ONLY BILLS					
NO SAME AS	A7276 STERN	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
NO SAME AS	A4460 HUNTER	2/4/19 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	An act to amend the executive law and the energy law, in relation to requiring the updating of the state uniform fire prevention and building code and the state energy conservation construction code within 12 months of the publication of the update of certain international codes	N	
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 <u>without</u> 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.	N	

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			<i>Many upstate departments rely on the income from fundraising where firearms are the prize, but obtaining the weapon currently utilizes the same vetting process</i>		
NO SAME AS	A00040 CAHILL	ASSM INSURANCE COMM	The bill would modernize the insurance law to address current trends in the insurance marketplace and correct deficiencies that inhibit the underwriting of blanket groups in New York. Such updated provisions would also allow for the underwriting of national blanket group insurance programs.	N	
NO SAME AS	A2661 PRETLOW	1/24/19 ASSM GOVT EMPLOYEES COMM	Requires that any person applying for appointment as a CAREER fire fighter in civil service be not more than 29 years of age on the date he or she takes the written competitive examination for such appointment, however any time spent on military duty or terminal leave, not to exceed 6 years, shall be subtracted from such age limit. In 1996, Congress re-enacted a public safety exemption for mandatory retirement and maximum hiring ages under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA). This measure will institute this exemption for the hiring of firefighters in New York State.	N	NP
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	A267 CAHILL	1/9/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	This measure will establish a Volunteer Firefighters Benefit Claim Assistance Unit within the New York State Workers Compensation Board to initiate contact with firefighters or their surviving dependents and provide assistance required to file claims and expedite payment of any and all benefits allowed under this chapter	N	
NO SAME AS	A1229 ROSENTHAL	1/14/19 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Exempts the sale of fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, heat sensors and carbon monoxide detectors from sales and use taxes	N	
NO SAME AS	A1260 CROUCH	1/14/19 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	Establishes a fire prevention and emergency task force to develop a plan for training requirements and standards for fire prevention and emergency response services in rural areas. [Feel good legislation]	N	NP
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	N	

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			opioid antagonists. [UNFUNDED MANDATE FOR VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENTS who do not perform EMS services and cannot recover funds]		
NO SAME AS	A66 CAHILL	1/9/19 ASSM HIGHER EDUC.	Requires the boards of trustees of SUNY and CUNY authorities to adopt rules to require the installing and retrofitting of dormitory buildings with sprinkler systems on or before March first, two thousand twenty-two.	N	
NO SAME AS	A40 CAHILL	1/9/19 ASSM INSURANCE COMM	Amending the insurance law by expanding the categories of policies classified as blanket accident	N	
NO SAME AS	A259 CAHILL	1/9/19 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	Requires colleges and universities to construct and retrofit sprinkler systems in all dormitories	N	
NO SAME AS	A267 CAHILL	1/9/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	Establishes a volunteer firefighters' benefit claim assistance unit to initiate contact with firefighter or surviving dependents and assist with claims	N	
NO SAME AS	A878 KOLB	1/11/19 ASSM ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE	Enacts the "alcohol and controlled substance expense recovery act"; permits each city, county, town and village to adopt a local law or ordinance providing for the civil recovery, from the operator of a motor vehicle, of any cost or expense expended or incurred for services or materials in responding to an emergency situation, caused by such operator who is under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance; provides that such municipality may keep a schedule of such costs and commence a civil action to recover such costs if such operator is found to be so impaired. [NEEDS TO INCLUDE FIRE DISTRICTS]	N	NP
NO SAME AS	A1402 CROUCH	1/15/19 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Gives state income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$2500	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.