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Senate Bill #	Assembly Bill #	Status	Description	United Concern?	Support Status
S1411 GRIFFO	A711 GUNTHER	1/9/17 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM 1/9/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	Expands the coverage to include cancer of the lymphatic or hematological systems, the digestive, urinary, prostate, neurological, breast or reproductive systems or melanoma	Y	
S363 LITTLE	No same as	1/4/17 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM	Provides that authorities having control of a fire department or fire company which provide emergency medical services may establish fees and charges for services	Y	
<b>S742 RITCHIE</b>	No same as	1/4/17 – SEN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	Prohibits the use of chemical flame retardants on residential upholstered furniture.	Y	
S1771 CARLUCCI		1/10/17 HOUSING CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMM	Relates to subjecting owners who knew or should have known about an alteration in violation of the uniform code to a civil penalty; subjects owners to up to a seven thousand five hundred dollar penalty when the alteration to the building violated the uniform code and impeded a person's egress from the building during an evacuation.	Y	
S1357 AVELLA		1/9/17 SEN CODES COMM	Establishes the class C felony of illegal conversion or alteration of real property	Y	
S774 CARLUCCI	A1490 ZEBROWSKI	1/4/17 SEN HOUSING CONST AND COMM DEVELOPMENT COMM 1/12/17 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	Expands remedies for violations of New York State uniform fire prevention and building code. The bill increases fines for code violations which create an immediate threat to the safety and welfare of the occupants.	Y	
	<b>A959 GALEF</b>	<b>1/10/17 ELECTION LAW</b>	<b>The county boards of elections will assume the responsibility for overseeing fire district elections. Such elections will take place on the days of village and town elections and in the registered voters' regular polling place. The fire district governing boards will provide the county boards of elections with the information necessary to administer such fire district elections. Voter access to fire district elections will increase as the fire district elections will take place on a date and location familiar to all voters, additional voting hours are provided and absentee ballot applications will be available.</b>	N	
	<b>A1896 ABINANTI</b>	<b>1/13/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM</b>	<b>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.</b>	N	

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<b>S2065. LAVALLE</b>		<b>1/11/17 SEN LOCAT GOVT COMM</b>	<b>ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS</b>	N	
<b>S1716 CARLUCCI</b>		<b>1/10/17 SEN LOCAL GOVT</b>	<b>The goal of this bill is to allow villages to dissolve but allow for continued services to a resulting Hamlet without resorting to the creation of other districts, such as water or fire districts, within the Town. This gives village residents a level of safety and comfort when confronting a decision on whether or not to dissolve a village.</b>	N	
S724 O'MARA	No same as	1/4/17 - SEN CODES	The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the regulatory "patchwork" that presently exists with counties in New York State by exempting "sparkling devices" from the definition of "fireworks" and "dangerous fireworks" in those counties that have not previously opted by local law pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision five of section 405.00 of chapter 477.	N	
S1654 CARLICCI	No same as	1/10/17 SEN HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Establishes installation and maintenance standards for gas station fire suppression systems.	N	
S2252 LITTLE	No same as	1/121/17 SEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT	Authorizes the town board of any town, which does not have a fire district, to establish and operate a town fire department	N	
	A1566 HAWLEY	1/12/12 ASSM ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMM	Prohibits the DEC from restricting the burning of garbage, refuse or rubbish in an open fire	N	
S369 LITTLE	No same as	1/4/17 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM	Authorizes fire districts to impose ad valorem levies and special assessments on otherwise tax exempt real property	N	
No Same As	A235 GUNTHER	1/5/17 SEN REAL PROPERTY TAXATION	Authorizes fire districts to impose ad valorem levies and special assessments on otherwise tax exempt real property.	N	
S376 ORTT	No same as	1/4/17 SEN HIGHER EDUCATION	Extends tuition free course benefits to volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers. To allow active volunteer firefighters and active volunteer ambulance workers to audit	N	

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			courses at the State University of New York (SUNY) and at community colleges on a tuition-free basis.		
S745 RITCHIE	No same as	1/4/17 SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	Relates to state aid for certain cities, towns, villages or fire districts adversely affected by a concentration of tax exempt property. Section 1 amends the Real Property Tax Law by adding a new Section 532-a providing that for any city, town, village, or fire district to be eligible for a new category of state aid at least 35 percent of the real property in the city, town, village, or fire district, by value, must be exempt from taxation. The funds available to assist eligible cities, towns, villages, or fire districts are allocated based on a formula. Fifty percent of the distribution is based on the town's population. The remaining 50 percent is based on the amount of tax exempt property in the town.	N	
S892 AMEDORE	No same as	1/4/17 SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	Requires that 1/4% of the state sales tax collected in rural counties be paid to such counties for infrastructure, fire fighting, emergency services and senior services	N	
S1185 MARCELLINO	No same as	1/6/17 SEN CULTURAL AFFAIRS, TOURISM, PARKS AND RECREATION	Exempts operators of law enforcement and fire department vessels from laws which regulate vessels on the navigable waters of the state while responding to emergencies	N	
S1022 FUNKE	No same as	1/6/17 SEN CODES COMMITTEE	Establishes a person who intentionally obstructs the efforts of any firefighter performing emergency medical care on a sick or injured person is guilty of the crime of obstructing firefighting operations.	N	
S1224 AKSHAR	No same as	1/6/17 - SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	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	
S756 RITCHIE	No same as	1/4/17 - SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	Gives state income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$1200; must be in good standing for a minimum of five years and maintain continued eligibility.	N	
S1114 AKSHAR	No same as	1/6/17 - SEN CODES	Designates offenses against law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel as hate crimes.	N	
S1808 KENNEDY	No same as	1/11/17 SEN HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	This bill would require a minimum of one test per hydrant, per year.	N	

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	A1226 ZEBROWSKI	1/11/17 ASSM GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMM	Civil penalties for illegal building alterations where egress is impeded during a fire, \$7,500	Y	
S1734 CARLUCCI	NO SAME AS	1/10/17 SEN EDUCATION COMM	Amends education law to withhold funding and grants to private schools that do not file the annual fire safety report in a timely manner.	N	
	A1233 AVINANTI	1/11/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVT	Would allow Elmsford to charge for EMS fees	N	<b>NO POSITION</b>
S1437 RITCHIE		1/9/17 SEN CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS	Requires public utility companies to charge volunteer ambulance corps and volunteer fire departments the same rates and charges applicable to residential customers.	N	
S1423 AVELLA		1/9/17 SEN HOUSING, CONST AND COMM DEVELOPMENT COMM	Requires colleges and universities to construct and retrofit sprinkler systems in all dormitories	N	
	A692 MAGNARELLI	1/9/17 ASSM LOCAL GOVT COMM	Provides coverage for certain physical fitness programs to volunteer firefighters	N	
S1195 AVELLA		1/6/17 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM	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	
S1994 OMARA		1/11/17 SEN INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVT OPERATIONS COMM	Enacts the "omnibus emergency services volunteer incentive act" to provide benefits to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers; increases the personal income tax deduction after four or more years of service; exempts motor vehicles used in the performance of such volunteers' duties from registration fees, use taxes and special fees for volunteer license plates; authorizes the provision of municipal health insurance coverage to such volunteers; establishes a volunteer recruitment service loan forgiveness program.		

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	A1275 CROUCH	1/11/17 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	
	A1669 ZEBROWSKI	1/12/17 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS	Provides tax credit to certain volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers and volunteer emergency medical personnel	N	