



Senate Bill #	Assembly Bill #	Status	Description	United Concern?	Support Status
NYS Fire Service Alliance Issues of United Concern					
A5895 MAGNARELLI	NO SAME AS	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	3/4/19 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM 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	
S3685 BROOKS	NO SAME AS YET	2/12/19 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	
			Pursue legislative and administrative actions for building owners who perform modifications or conversions without obtaining the prescribed permits for single or multi-family occupancies which endangers the welfare of the occupants and fire or emergency responders in the pursuit of their duties.	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 flameretardant chemicals.	Y	

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TWO CHAMBER BILLS

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	
S3247 SALAZAR	A1024 ROSENTHAL	2/26/19 SEN THIRD READING 2/4/19 PASSED ASSEMBLY	Authorizes certain law enforcement officers and firefighters to possess and administer epinephrine by use of an epinephrine auto-injector device	N	NP
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	
S3057 GAUGHRAN	A550 CAHILL	3/6/19 SEN ADVANCED TO 3RD READING 1/9/19 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	
S4175 GAUGHRAN	A1820 MAGNARELLI	3/4/19 SEN LOCAL GOVT COMM 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 property which is the subject of such fines	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 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>	N	
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 and 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	

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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	
S80 ROBACH	A4438 DENDEKKER	1/9/19 SEN TRANSPORTATION COMM 2/4/19 ASSM TRANSPORTATIONS COMM	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
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	
S338 AKSHAR	A4573 DENDEKKER	1/9/19 SEN INVESTIGATIONS & GOV OPS 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	
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	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	N	





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		2/1/19 ASSM WAYS AND MEANS COMM	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.		
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 in proportion to the number of active members within each fire company of a multi company department 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	
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	

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S1645 BROOKS	A2468 WALLACE	1/15/19 SEN CONSUMER PROTECTION COMM 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
S322 ROBACH	A3262 ZEBROWSKI	1/9/19 LOCAL GOVT COMM 1/29/19 ASSM BANKS COMM	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 ENGBRIGHT	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					
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	N	

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			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.		
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 VANDEL	1/29/19 SEN HOUSING, CONST & COMM DEVEL	REQUIRES LANDLORDS TO PROVIDE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN ALL RENTED APPARTMENTS. The issue 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					
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	N	

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S761 TEDISCO	NO SAME AS	1/9/19 SEN HEALTH COMM	Authorizes 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
S178 HELMING	NO SAME AS	1/9/19 SENATE FINANCE COMM	The Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) shall conduct a study that examines and evaluates the minimum qualifications recommended for volunteer firefighters. In addition, this legislation would require OFPC, within 12 months, to report on the findings of this study to the Governor, Temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly. [TO WHAT PURPOSE?]	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	
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. Current amounts do not equal minimum pay!		
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

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S1178 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					
A2227 CAHILL	NO SAME AS	1/22/19 ASSM LOCAL GOVTS COMM	Under the current law a fire district can spend as much money as it needs to acquire the enhanced cancer disability insurance benefits for volunteer firefighters, but any tax imposed to cover the cost of said benefits needs to fall within the 2% tax cap. This deficiency in the law places an undue burden on fire districts and forces departments to choose between the health of its volunteers and necessary services and equipment. <i>This bill would amend the general municipal law to exempt any taxes levied by municipalities to acquire enhanced cancer disability benefits for volunteer firefighters from the real property tax cap.</i>	N	
A4606 ENGLEBRIGHT	NO SAME AS	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 without 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	
A1413 SIMON	NO SAME AS	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 utilizes the same vetting process</i>	N	
A00040 CAHILL	NO SAME AS	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	
A2661 PRETLOW	NO SAME AS	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	N	NP

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			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.		
A3418 ZEBROWSKI	NO SAME AS	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	
A1906 ZEBROWSKI	NO SAME AS	1/17/19 ASSM EDUCATION COMM	The bill will modernize the process of conducting annual fire inspection reports for public and private schools.		
A267 CAHILL	NO SAME AS	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	
A1229 ROSENTHAL	NO SAME AS	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	
A1260 CROUCH	NO SAME AS	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
A1199 CROUCH	NO SAME AS	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. [UNFUNDED MANDATE FOR VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENTS who do not perform EMS services and cannot recover funds]	N	
A66 CAHILL	NO SAME AS	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	
A40 CAHILL	NO SAME AS	1/9/19 ASSM INSURANCE COMM	Amending the insurance law by expanding the categories of policies classified as blanket accident	N	




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A259 CAHILL	NO SAME AS	1/9/19 ASSM GOVT OPERATIONS	Requires colleges and universities to construct and retrofit sprinkler systems in all dormitories	N	
A267 CAHILL	NO SAME AS	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	
A878 KOLB	NO SAME AS	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
A1402 CROUCH	NO SAME AS	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

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.