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2024 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

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<u>Description</u>	Bill Information (Click bill number to read full text, history & co-sponsorship) (Click name to see Member info)	Senate Status (Click to see committee info)	Assembly Status (Click to see committee info)
Volunteer Firefighters' and Ambulance Workers' income tax credit increase; Reception of both local real property tax exemptions & NYS income tax credit	S.7286 - Sen. Martinez A.7524-A - MOA Thiele 2.9.24 - AM Thiele amended his legislation to also amend the real property tax law to correct a technical issue with the 2022 RPT exemption legislation. Senate version will likely match shortly.	1.3.24 Budget & Revenue An increase to \$800 and a removal of the prohibition on collecting both benefits were proposed in last year's Senate one-house budget, but not included in final budget.	1.3.24 <u>Ways & Means</u>
Ensure VFBL parity with Workers Compensation	<u>S.5436</u> - <u>Sen. Skoufis</u> <u>A.5991</u> - <u>MOA McMahon</u>	1.3.24 <u>Local Government</u>	1.3.24 <u>Local Governments</u>
Designate EMS as an essential service 1.16.24 Language designating EMS as an Essential Service was included in the Governor's Executive Budget Proposal	<u>S.4020-B</u> - <u>Sen. Mayer</u> <u>A.3392-B</u> - <u>MOA Otis</u>	1.5.24 <u>Local Government</u>	1.5.24 <u>Local Governments</u>
Sales tax exemption for home life safety products	<u>S.6759</u> - <u>Sen. Thomas</u> <u>A.5951</u> - <u>MOA Wallace</u>	1.3.24 Budget & Revenue	1.3.24 <u>Ways & Means</u>
First Responders Peer Support Program Act 1.16.24 \$2 Million to provide grants for a First Responders Peer to Peer Support Network was included in the Governor's Executive Budget Proposal	S.7079-A - Sen. Harckham A.7552-A - MOA Burdick	1.3.24 Mental Health	1.3.24 Mental Health
NYS Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Detection Act	S.8340 – Sen. Skoufis A.8466 – MOA Buttenschon	1.18.24 <u>Local Government</u>	1.3.24 <u>Local Governments</u>

PRIORITIES FOR CONSIDERATION

- Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Standards Support a package of bills relating to lithium-ion battery safety. Individual bills will be reviewed, in concert with decisionmakers, to develop a unified comprehensive action.
 - 1.16.24 Language included in the Governor's Executive Budget Proposal to prohibit selling a new or second-use lithium-ion battery unless certified by an accredited testing laboratory and labeled accordingly. Gives ability to further set safety standards to the NYS Department of State and enacts civil penalties for violations.
- Cancer Coverage Cost Relief Establish a funding stream to alleviate fiscal burden on providing coverage.
- Retirement Service Credit for Volunteer Fire or Emergency Service S.6273 / A.7219 (Sen. Mannion / MOA Sillitti)

FY 2025 BUDGET MONITORING

- Recovery of 54-G funding to support code enforcement efforts S.2986 / A.4430 (Sen. Kavanagh / MOA Zebrowski)
- Recovery of Public Safety Surcharge to support Next-Gen 911 S.4560 / A.6290 (Sen. Martinez / MOA Jean-Pierre)

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