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Introduced by Sens. BRESLIN, FOLEY, C. JOHNSON, STACHOWSKI, VALESKY,  
LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be  
committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the civil service law, in  
relation to providing health services and insurance for volunteer  
firefighters and ambulance workers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 92-a of the general municipal law,  
2     as added by chapter 331 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     7. The provisions of this section shall [apply for] PERMIT A PUBLIC  
5     CORPORATION TO PROVIDE coverage [of] FOR volunteer firefighters, as  
6     defined in section three of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, and  
7     volunteer ambulance workers, as defined in subdivision one of section  
8     three of the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law, provided however,  
9     that the total cost of participation by such volunteers and their fami-  
10    lies shall be borne by such volunteers.  
11    S 2.     Subdivision 2 of section 163 of the civil service law, as  
12    amended by chapter 617 of the laws of 1967, is amended to read as  
13    follows:  
14    2. The contract or contracts shall provide for health insurance for  
15    retired employees of the state and of the state colleges of agriculture,  
16    home economics, industrial labor relations and veterinary medicine, the  
17    state agricultural experiment station at Geneva, and any other institu-  
18    tion or agency under the management and control of Cornell university as  
19    the representative of the board of trustees of the state university of  
20    New York, and the state college of ceramics under the management and  
21    control of Alfred university as the representative of the board of trus-  
22    tees of the state university of New York, and their spouses and depend-  
23    ent children as defined by the regulations of the president, on such

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 terms as the president may deem appropriate, and the president may  
2 authorize the inclusion in the plan of the employees and retired employ-  
3 ees of public authorities, public benefit corporations, school  
4 districts, special districts, district corporations, municipal corpo-  
5 rations excluding active employees and retired employees of cities  
6 having a population of one million or more inhabitants whose compen-  
7 sation is or was before retirement paid out of the city treasury, or  
8 other appropriate agencies, subdivisions or quasi-public organizations  
9 of the state, INCLUDING ACTIVE MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE AND VOLUNTEER  
10 AMBULANCE COMPANIES SERVING ONE OR MORE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS PURSUANT  
11 TO SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF SECTION NINETY-TWO-A OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL  
12 LAW, and their spouses and dependent children as defined by the regu-  
13 lations of the president. Any such corporation, district, agency or  
14 organization electing to participate in the plan shall be required to  
15 pay its proportionate share of the expenses of administration of the  
16 plan in such amounts and at such times as determined and fixed by the  
17 president. All amounts payable for such expenses of administration  
18 shall be paid to the commissioner of taxation and finance and shall be  
19 applied to the reimbursement of funds previously advanced for such  
20 purposes. Neither the state nor any other participant in the plan shall  
21 be charged with the particular experience attributable to the employees  
22 of the participant, and all dividends or retroactive rate credits shall  
23 be distributed pro-rata based upon the number of employees of such  
24 participant covered by the plan.

25 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.