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Introduced by Sens. MAZIARZ, FELDER, O'BRIEN, RANZENHOFER, RITCHIE, SAVINO, SEWARD, YOUNG -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation -- recommitted to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to authorizing volunteer fire and ambulance companies to receive grants for local government records management improvement

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

1     Section 1. The legislature hereby finds and declares that volunteer  
2     fire companies and volunteer ambulance companies perform vital services  
3     for the municipalities they serve. These not-for-profit volunteer emer-  
4     gency response organizations serve a meaningful public purpose by help-  
5     ing to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens. Further,  
6     these organizations work collaboratively with municipal officials in  
7     their respective localities and help to reduce the burdens on our local  
8     governments.  
9     The records of volunteer fire companies and volunteer ambulance compa-  
10    nies are important since they indicate the relationship, rights and  
11    responsibilities with respect to the communities they serve. And, proper  
12    records management assists municipalities and emergency response organ-  
13    izations with their legal obligations under the general municipal law.  
14    In addition, these records make appropriate information available to the  
15    public and to municipal officials with respect to fire and emergency

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

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1 services, and also reflect the historical development of the communities  
2 served by such volunteer fire and ambulance companies. For these  
3 reasons, the legislature hereby further finds and declares that not-for-  
4 profit volunteer fire companies and volunteer ambulance companies should  
5 be eligible for the records management improvement grant program in  
6 order to help them operate more effectively and efficiently in our local  
7 communities.

8 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 57.35 of the arts and cultural affairs  
9 law, as amended by chapter 203 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 1. The commissioner of education, upon consultation with the local  
12 government records advisory council, is authorized to award grants for  
13 records management improvement as specified in sections 57.19, 57.25,  
14 57.29 and 57.31 of this [chapter] ARTICLE to individual local govern-  
15 ments, groups of cooperating local governments and local governments  
16 that have custody of court records and for records management improve-  
17 ment for supreme court records in the custody of the counties of New  
18 York, Kings, Queens, Richmond, and Bronx and in accordance with subdivi-  
19 sion two-a of this section, records under the jurisdiction of the  
20 department of records and information services of the city of New York  
21 or its successor agency and the city clerk of the city of New York, AND  
22 TO FIRE COMPANIES AND VOLUNTARY AMBULANCE SERVICES AS SUCH TERMS ARE  
23 DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.

24 S 3. The commissioner of education is hereby authorized and directed  
25 to promulgate any rules or regulations necessary to effectuate the  
26 provisions of this act.

27 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.