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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to granting academic credit at state operated institutions of the state university of New York and the senior colleges of the city university of New York to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 669-i
2 to read as follows:

3 § 669-i. Course credit for volunteer firefighters and emergency
4 medical technicians. 1. For purposes of this section, the term "volun-
5 teer firefighter" shall have the same meaning as provided for in section
6 three of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law.

7 2. Every volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician who is
8 also enrolled on a full-time basis as an undergraduate student in good
9 standing, at an institution within the state university system, shall
10 upon application be granted up to three academic credits per year and
11 six credits in the aggregate towards their degree. No fee, tuition or
12 other charge shall be assessed against a volunteer firefighter or emer-
13 gency medical technician who qualifies for such credit pursuant to this
14 section.

15 3. The board of trustees of the state university and the city univer-
16 sity of New York shall adopt such procedures as are necessary to fully
17 implement the provisions of this section.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
19 the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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