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IN SENATE

January 7, 2026

Introduced by Sen. ASHBY -- 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, in relation to training stipends paid by the office of fire prevention and control to volunteer firefighters

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 3 and 4 of section 200-aa of the general municipal law, as added by section 2 of part H of chapter 55 of the laws of 2023, are amended to read as follows:

3. The office of fire prevention and control may make available state funds through a training stipend to volunteer firefighters for completion of certain firefighter training, as identified and published by the office of fire prevention and control**; provided, however, that the office of fire prevention and control shall make available state funds through a training stipend to volunteer firefighters for the completion of the following firefighter trainings, as identified and published by the office of fire prevention and control, in the following amounts:**

(a) a stipend of fifteen hundred dollars for completion of the basic exterior firefighting operations with hazardous material first responder operations course, or equivalent; and

(b) a stipend of twenty-five hundred dollars for completion of the self-contained breathing apparatus with interior fighting operations course, or equivalent.

4. No volunteer firefighter [~~may~~] **shall** receive a training stipend from both a volunteer fire company pursuant to subdivision two of this section and the office of fire prevention and control pursuant to subdivision three of this section for completion of the same firefighter training**; provided, however, that if a volunteer fire company provides a training stipend to a volunteer firefighter for completion of a firefighter training listed under paragraph (a) or (b) of subdivision three of this section in an amount less than the amount directed to be paid by the office of fire prevention and control under such paragraph (a) or**

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

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(b), the office of fire prevention and control shall pay a supplemental training stipend to such volunteer firefighter in the amount of the difference between the amount directed to be paid under paragraph (a) or (b) of subdivision three of this section and the amount paid by such volunteer fire company.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.