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Introduced by M. of A. ALESSI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to enacting the volunteer firefighter and emergency medical service personnel job protection act

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "volunteer firefighter and emergency medical service personnel job protection act".

S 2. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 207-b to read as follows:

S 207-B. VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL JOB PROTECTION. 1. AN EMPLOYER MAY NOT FIRE AN EMPLOYEE WHO, WHEN ACTING AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WORKER, IS RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY WHERE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE GOVERNOR HAS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN A COUNTY OF THE STATE.

2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

A. VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SHALL MEAN A FIREFIGHTER WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE MONETARY COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES TO A FIRE AUTHORITY AND WHO DOES NOT WORK FOR ANOTHER FIRE AUTHORITY FOR MONETARY COMPENSATION; AND

B. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL SHALL MEAN AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TECHNICIAN WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE MONETARY COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES TO A FIRST RESPONDER AGENCY, AN ORGANIZED RESCUE SQUAD, OR A COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SYSTEM, AND WHO DOES NOT WORK FOR ANOTHER RELATED ENTITY FOR MONETARY COMPENSATION.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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