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Introduced by M. of A. STIRPE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to call firefighters

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

1 Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new
2 section 201-a to read as follows:
3 S 201-A. CALL FIREFIGHTERS. ANY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF A COUNTY,
4 CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE, FIRE DISTRICT OR ANY OTHER ENTITY THAT OPERATES A
5 VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, MAY ELECT TO INCLUDE WITHIN ITS MEMBERSHIP, CALL
6 FIREFIGHTERS. SUCH CALL FIREFIGHTERS SHALL SERVE AT THE CALL OF THE FIRE
7 COMPANY, AND SHALL RECEIVE A STIPEND EACH TIME SUCH CALL FIREFIGHTER
8 RESPONDS TO A CALL BY SUCH FIRE COMPANY. THE AMOUNT OF SUCH STIPEND
9 SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE FIRE COMPANY, BUT SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTY
10 DOLLARS PER CALL OR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY PER CALL FIREFIGHTER.
11 CALL FIREFIGHTERS SHALL MEET ALL CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO
12 BE A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER. CANDIDATES FOR CALL FIREFIGHTERS SHALL
13 APPLY TO THE FIRE COMPANY IN A MANNER AND FORM TO BE DETERMINED BY SUCH
14 FIRE COMPANY. CALL FIREFIGHTERS SHALL IN ALL RESPECTS BE AFFORDED THE
15 STATUS AND BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT
16 CALL FIREFIGHTERS SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY PENSION OR RETIREMENT
17 BENEFITS AFFORDED TO FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS.
18 S 2. 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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