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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. FLANAGAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the use of seatbelts by volunteer firefighters

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

1     Section 1. Section 1229-c of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by  
2     adding a new subdivision 14 to read as follows:  
3     14. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS  
4     SECTION, NO PERSON SHALL OPERATE AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE OWNED OR OPERATED  
5     BY A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE AS DEFINED BY  
6     SECTION ONE HUNDRED OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW UNLESS ALL PASSENGERS  
7     ARE UTILIZING SAFETY BELTS OR RESTRAINT SYSTEMS AS PROVIDED BY THE VEHI-  
8     CLE MANUFACTURER. THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO VOLUNTEER EMERGEN-  
9     CY MEDICAL PERSONNEL PROVIDING PATIENT CARE IN THE REAR COMPARTMENT OF  
10    AN AMBULANCE PROVIDED THAT SUCH PERSONNEL ARE PROVIDING CARE IN ACCORD-  
11    ANCE WITH APPLICABLE PATIENT CARE STANDARDS OR GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED  
12    PURSUANT TO ARTICLE THIRTY OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW. A CLAIM FOR BENE-  
13    FITS FILED PURSUANT TO THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' BENEFIT LAW OR THE  
14    VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS' BENEFIT LAW SHALL NOT BE DENIED SOLELY ON  
15    THE BASIS OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION.  
16    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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