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Introduced by Sen. MURPHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government -- committee discharged and said bill committed to the Committee on Rules -- ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to exempting un-remarried spouses of paid or volunteer fire fighters, ambulance workers or police officers who have fallen in the line of duty from all or a portion of their real property taxes on their primary residence

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

1     Section 1. Section 466-h of the real property tax law, as added by  
2 chapter 305 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 466-h. Un-remarried spouses of deceased volunteer OR PAID firefight-  
4 ers [or volunteer] , ambulance workers OR POLICE OFFICERS. [Any local  
5 law or ordinance adopted pursuant to sections four hundred sixty-six,  
6 four hundred sixty-six-a, four hundred sixty-six-b, four hundred sixty-  
7 six-c, four hundred sixty-six-d, four hundred sixty-six-e, four hundred  
8 sixty-six-f or four hundred sixty-six-g of this title may be separately  
9 amended, or a local law, ordinance or resolution may be separately  
10 adopted to continue an exemption or reinstate a pre-existing exemption  
11 to an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of an incorpo-  
12 rated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary  
13 ambulance service; provided, however,] A TOWN, VILLAGE OR COUNTY MAY  
14 ADOPT A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE ALLOWING AN UN-REMARIED SPOUSE OF A PAID  
15 OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, AMBULANCE WORKER OR POLICE OFFICER TO BE  
16 EXEMPT FROM A PORTION OR ALL OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAXES IMPOSED UNDER  
17 THIS CHAPTER PROVIDED, that:  
18     1. such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having  
19 jurisdiction [for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire depart-

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

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1 ment or incorporated voluntary ambulance service] as an un-remarried  
2 spouse of a deceased enrolled member of such incorporated [volunteer]  
3 fire company, fire department [or], incorporated [voluntary] ambulance  
4 service OR POLICE DEPARTMENT, and  
5 2. such deceased [volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least  
6 twenty years] MEMBER DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, and  
7 3. [such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving  
8 the exemption for such property prior to the death of such volunteer]  
9 SUCH EXEMPTION SHALL APPLY ONLY TO THE PRIMARY RESIDENCE OF THE UN-RE-  
10 MARRIED SPOUSE.  
11 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.