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AN ACT to amend the state technology law and the state finance law, in relation to training and education courses for certain organizations

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

1 Section 1. Section 103 of the state technology law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 22 to read as follows:
3 22. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ANY FIRE DISTRICT OR
4 VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANY OR STATEWIDE
5 ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS THE INTERESTS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE
6 AND/OR THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE
7 IN THE PROGRAM COMMONLY REFERRED TO OR KNOWN AS THE EMPIRE KNOWLEDGEBANK
8 OR ANY SUCH SUCCESSOR PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE OFFICE. THE DIRECTOR IS
9 AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ADOPT, AMEND OR RESCIND ANY RULES AND/OR
10 REGULATIONS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
11 SECTION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY"
12 SHALL MEAN A FIRE COMPANY AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED
13 OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND THE TERM "VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANY"
14 SHALL MEAN A VOLUNTARY AMBULANCE SERVICE AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN
15 SECTION ONE HUNDRED OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.
16 S 2. Subdivision 3 of section 99-q of the state finance law, as added
17 by chapter 490 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:
18 3. Moneys in such fund shall be expended only to provide grants to
19 volunteer firefighting and volunteer emergency services organizations
20 and to statewide organizations which represent the interests of volunteer
21 firefighters and/or volunteer emergency services providers for the
22 purpose of encouraging the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters
23 and volunteer emergency services personnel. Such purposes may
24 include, but need not be limited to: PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING AND

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

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1 EDUCATION COURSES OFFERED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF SECTION
2 ONE HUNDRED THREE OF THE STATE TECHNOLOGY LAW, development and implemen-
3 tation of marketing plans, publicity campaigns, and community awareness
4 initiatives; design, production and distribution of promotional merchan-
5 dise, brochures and other materials; sponsorship of local community
6 events designed to help recruit volunteers; newspaper publications,
7 promotional mailings and other advertising designed to help recruit
8 volunteers.

9 S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
10 have become a law, provided however that, effective immediately, the
11 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
12 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized
13 to be made on or before such effective date.