STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 8, 2018

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

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to service award programs

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 8 of section 219-d of the general municipal law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2017 amending the general municipal law relating to service award programs, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 899 and A. 6873, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The entitlement age, the number of years of ambulance service required to obtain a nonforfeitable right to a service award, and the activities for which points shall be granted toward a year of ambulance service may be changed by resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of at least sixty percent of the governing board of the sponsor without referendum; provided, that, consistent with the provisions of subdivision three of section two hundred [~~nineteen-m~~] **nineteen-e** of this [~~chapter~~] **article**, if the effect of the amendment is to increase the number of points granted for the performance of the activity, decrease the amount of an activity required to earn the points granted for the performance of the activity, or both, such amendment shall be subject to a mandatory referendum. Any amendment to a service award program shall only take effect as of the first of January next succeeding completion of the proceedings required for adoption of the amendment and shall only apply prospectively.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2017 amending the general municipal law relating to service award programs as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 899 and A. 6873, takes effect.

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

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