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Introduced by Sens. HELMING, RITCHIE -- (at request of the Legislative
   Commission on Rural Resources) -- read twice and ordered printed, and
   when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to authorizing
   volunteer firefighters from other states to provide assistance to fire
   departments, companies and districts in this state

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

1   Section 1. Section 209-i of the general municipal law is amended by
2   adding a new subdivision 1-c to read as follows:
3   **1-c. An out-of-state firefighter who, because of a second residence or**
4   **military service, is regularly in an area served by a volunteer fire**
5   **company or fire department may volunteer their services on an on-going**
6   **basis to such fire company or fire department for the purpose of assist-**
7   **ing such company or department's general or emergency ambulance**
8   **services, or for the purpose of assisting such fire company or fire**
9   **department at a fire or other emergency scene or for the purpose of**
10   **training with such fire company or fire department, provided that such**
11   **company or department is authorized to accept such services by the**
12   **legislative body of the city or the village, the board of fire commis-**
13   **sioners or other governing board of the fire district, or the town board**
14   **of the town in relation to (a) the fire companies serving territory**
15   **outside villages and fire districts or (b) a town fire department, as**
16   **the case may be. Upon application by an out-of-state firefighter, a fire**
17   **company or fire department shall determine whether the out-of-state**
18   **firefighter meets the minimum certifications for active members of their**
19   **company or department and whether the out-of-state fire-fighter is in**
20   **good standing with the fire company or department in which they normally**
21   **serve. If a volunteer fire company or fire department accepts the**
22   **services of an out-of-state firefighter, such firefighter shall be enti-**
23   **tled to all powers, rights, privileges and immunities granted by law to**

1 volunteer firefighters during the time such services are rendered,
2 provided, however, such firefighter shall not be eligible to participate
3 in a service award program as authorized by articles eleven-A and
4 eleven-AAAA of the general municipal law nor shall such firefighter be
5 eligible for coverage under section eleven-c of the volunteer firefight-
6 ers' benefit law relating to diseases of the lung and section sixty-one
7 of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law relating to disease or
8 malfunction of heart or coronary arteries and any other presumptive
9 coverage for impairment of health or death. Upon acceptance of an out-
10 of-state firefighter to a fire company or fire department, such company
11 or department shall provide to the applicant, and the applicant shall
12 acknowledge receipt of, the following written statement: "If a volunteer
13 fire company or fire department accepts the services of an out-of-state
14 firefighter, such firefighter shall be entitled to all powers, rights,
15 privileges and immunities granted by law to volunteer firefighters
16 during the time such services are rendered, provided, however, such
17 firefighter shall not be eligible to participate in a service award
18 program as authorized by articles 11-A and 11-AAAA of the general munic-
19 ipal law, nor shall such firefighters be eligible for coverage under
20 section eleven-c of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, relating to
21 diseases of the lung, and section 61 of the volunteer firefighters'
22 benefit law, relating to disease or malfunction of heart or coronary
23 arteries, and any other presumptive coverage for impairment of health or
24 death."
25   § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.