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Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to the appointment and promotion of supervisors of the emergency medical service

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

Section 1. The civil service law is amended by adding a new section 59-b to read as follows:

§ 59-b. Promotions of supervisory personnel of the emergency medical service. 1. The legislature hereby finds and declares that the continued, uninterrupted, adequate and efficient operation of emergency medical services is necessary for the general welfare of the people; that such adequate operation involves and requires personnel with highly 8 specialized ability, skill, training and knowledge, which necessitate 9 that vacancies in the emergency medical services in the positions of 10 Supervising Emergency Medical Service Specialist Level II (Captains), Deputy Chief, Division Chief, and Division Commander, shall be filled as far as practicable by promotion from among persons holding competitive class positions in a lower grade in the department in which the vacancy exists, provided that such lower grade positions are in direct line of promotion, as determined by the department or municipal commission.

16 2. Promotion shall be based on merit and fitness as determined by competitive examination where available, due weight being given to 17 seniority. The previous training and experience of the candidates, and 19 performance ratings where available, may be considered and given due

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

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1 weight as factors in determining the relative merit and fitness of candidates for promotion.

- 3. Any employee holding a provisional or discretionary appointment in 4 the affected supervisory titles of the emergency medical service described in subdivision one of this section shall be given the opportunity to participate in a competitive promotional examination for the next higher level title.
- 4. Except as provided above, the provisions of this chapter shall 8 9 apply to employees covered by this section.
- 10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.