

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 18, 2019

Introduced by Sen. LITTLE -- 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 the establishment of special districts for general ambulance services; and to amend the executive law, in relation to a report on volunteer firefighter and ambulance services staffing

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of subdivision 1 of section
2 122-b of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 303 of the
3 laws of 1980, are amended to read as follows:

4 (d) Establish a special district for the financing and operation of
5 general ambulance services as set forth by this section, whereby any
6 county, city, town or village, acting individually, or jointly with any
7 other county, city, town and/or village, through its governing body or
8 bodies, following applicable procedures as are required for the estab-
9 lishment of fire districts in article eleven of the town law or follow-
10 ing applicable procedures as are required for the establishment of joint
11 fire districts in article eleven-A of the town law, with such special
12 district being authorized by this section to be established in all or
13 any part of any such participating county or counties, town or towns,
14 city or cities and/or village or villages;

15 (e) Employ any combination of the methods authorized in paragraph (a),
16 (b) ~~(e)~~, (c) or (d);

17 ~~(f)~~ (f) No contract shall be entered into pursuant to the provisions
18 of this section for the services of an emergency rescue and first aid
19 squad of a fire department or fire company which is subject to the
20 provisions of section two hundred nine-b of ~~[the general municipal law]~~
21 this chapter;

22 ~~(g)~~ (g) Consider prehospital emergency treatment as that care
23 provided by certified emergency medical technicians or certified

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

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1 advanced emergency medical technicians certified pursuant to the
2 provisions of article thirty of the public health law.

3 § 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 719 to read
4 as follows:

5 § 719. Report on volunteer firefighter and ambulance services staff-
6 ing. 1. On or before the first day of January two thousand twenty, the
7 commissioner, in consultation with the state office of fire prevention
8 and control, shall prepare and publish a report on the staffing of
9 volunteer firefighter and ambulance services in New York state. Such
10 report shall examine and evaluate the challenges and issues concerning
11 the recruiting and maintenance of trained, available staffing by volun-
12 teer fire departments, districts and companies as well as for volunteer
13 ambulance districts and companies. Such report shall specifically exam-
14 ine and evaluate the challenges and issues that are particular to rural
15 areas of the state and areas with geographic challenges such as moun-
16 tains, waterways or limited transportation networks.
17 2. In addition to identifying challenges and issues concerning the
18 recruiting and maintenance of trained, available staffing by volunteer
19 fire departments, districts and companies as well as for volunteer ambu-
20 lance districts and companies across New York state, as required by
21 subdivision one of this section, such report shall also make recommenda-
22 tions on how to address and remediate the challenges and issues identi-
23 fied, with such recommendations being submitted to the governor, the
24 temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the
25 chair of the senate standing committee on local government and the chair
26 of the assembly standing committee on local government at the time of
27 the publishing of the report.

28 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.