

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 27, 2020

Introduced by Sens. KAMINSKY, BROOKS, GAUGHRAN, MARTINEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the determination of points for service award programs for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers during a state disaster emergency; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Section 217 of the general municipal law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision (p) to read as follows:

3 (p) For purposes of determining total points earned for a calendar
4 year in which a state disaster emergency, as defined in section twenty
5 of the executive law, has been declared pursuant to executive order
6 number two hundred two of two thousand twenty, as amended, to address
7 the outbreak of novel coronavirus, COVID-19, an active volunteer fire-
8 fighter service award program may provide for the crediting of up to
9 five additional points per month, prorated for periods of less than one
10 month, to each active volunteer firefighter for each month that special
11 emergency response rules were in place restricting firefighter responses
12 to emergency responses and/or restricting the holding of activities for
13 which points could be earned due to guidelines related to the state
14 disaster emergency. A political subdivision electing to provide the
15 additional points authorized under this subdivision shall adopt a resol-
16 ution by April thirtieth, two thousand twenty-one determining the number
17 of additional points to be credited per month, provided that any addi-
18 tional points credited pursuant to this subdivision shall be in addition
19 to any other points earned pursuant to this section during the state
20 disaster emergency.

21 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 219-e of the general municipal law is
22 amended by adding a new paragraph (k) to read as follows:

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

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1 (k) Determination of points. For purposes of determining total points
2 earned for a calendar year in which a state disaster emergency, as
3 defined in section twenty of the executive law, has been declared pursu-
4 ant to executive order number two hundred two of two thousand twenty, as
5 amended, to address the outbreak of novel coronavirus, COVID-19, an
6 active volunteer ambulance worker award program may provide for the
7 crediting of up to five additional points per month, prorated for peri-
8 ods of less than one month, to each volunteer ambulance worker for each
9 month that special emergency response rules were in place restricting
10 ambulance workers responses to emergency responses and/or restricting
11 the holding of activities for which points could be earned due to guide-
12 lines related to the state disaster emergency. A political subdivision
13 electing to provide the additional points authorized under this subdivi-
14 sion shall adopt a resolution by April thirtieth, two thousand twenty-
15 one determining the number of additional points to be credited per
16 month, provided that any additional points credited pursuant to this
17 paragraph shall be in addition to any other points earned pursuant to
18 this section during the state disaster emergency.

19 § 3. Subdivision 3 of section 219-m of the general municipal law is
20 amended by adding a new paragraph (k) to read as follows:

21 (k) Determination of points. For purposes of determining total points
22 earned for a calendar year in which a state disaster emergency, as
23 defined in section twenty of the executive law, has been declared pursu-
24 ant to executive order number two hundred two of two thousand twenty, as
25 amended, to address the outbreak of novel coronavirus, COVID-19, an
26 active volunteer ambulance worker award program may provide for the
27 crediting of up to five additional points per month, prorated for peri-
28 ods of less than one month, to each volunteer ambulance worker for each
29 month that special emergency response rules were in place restricting
30 ambulance workers responses to emergency responses and/or restricting
31 the holding of activities for which points could be earned due to guide-
32 lines related to the state disaster emergency. A political subdivision
33 electing to provide the additional points authorized under this subdivi-
34 sion shall adopt a resolution by April thirtieth, two thousand twenty-
35 one determining the number of additional points to be credited per
36 month, provided that any additional points credited pursuant to this
37 paragraph shall be in addition to any other points earned pursuant to
38 this section during the state disaster emergency.

39 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
40 deemed repealed December 31, 2022.