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:

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

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

§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 219-e of the general municipal law is 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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(k) Determination of points. For purposes of determining total points earned for a calendar year in which a state disaster emergency, as defined in section twenty of the executive law, has been declared pursuant to executive order number two hundred two of two thousand twenty, as amended, to address the outbreak of novel coronavirus, COVID-19, an active volunteer ambulance worker award program may provide for the crediting of up to five additional points per month, prorated for periods of less than one month, to each volunteer ambulance worker for each month that special emergency response rules were in place restricting ambulance workers responses to emergency responses and/or restricting the holding of activities for which points could be earned due to guidelines related to the state disaster emergency. A political subdivision electing to provide the additional points authorized under this subdivision shall adopt a resolution by April thirtieth, two thousand twenty-one determining the number of additional points to be credited per month, provided that any additional points credited pursuant to this paragraph shall be in addition to any other points earned pursuant to this section during the state disaster emergency.

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

(k) Determination of points. For purposes of determining total points earned for a calendar year in which a state disaster emergency, as defined in section twenty of the executive law, has been declared pursuant to executive order number two hundred two of two thousand twenty, as amended, to address the outbreak of novel coronavirus, COVID-19, an active volunteer ambulance worker award program may provide for the crediting of up to five additional points per month, prorated for periods of less than one month, to each volunteer ambulance worker for each month that special emergency response rules were in place restricting ambulance workers responses to emergency responses and/or restricting the holding of activities for which points could be earned due to guidelines related to the state disaster emergency. A political subdivision electing to provide the additional points authorized under this subdivision shall adopt a resolution by April thirtieth, two thousand twenty-one determining the number of additional points to be credited per month, provided that any additional points credited pursuant to this paragraph shall be in addition to any other points earned pursuant to this section during the state disaster emergency.

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