

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 11, 2019

Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to providing tax credits to volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers and volunteer emergency medical personnel under certain circumstances

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

Section 1. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection (h-1) to read as follows:

(h-1) Volunteer firefighters', volunteer ambulance workers' and volunteer emergency medical service personnel credit. For taxable years beginning on and after January first, two thousand twenty, a credit, in the amounts of:

(1) two hundred dollars for one year of qualifying service;

(2) three hundred dollars for two years of consecutive qualifying service;

(3) four hundred dollars for three years of consecutive qualifying service;

(4) five hundred dollars for four years of consecutive qualifying service;

(5) six hundred dollars for five years of consecutive qualifying service;

(6) seven hundred dollars for six years of consecutive qualifying service;

(7) eight hundred dollars for seven years of consecutive qualifying service;

(8) nine hundred dollars for eight years of consecutive qualifying service;

(9) one thousand dollars for nine years of consecutive qualifying service; or

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

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1     (10) one thousand one hundred dollars for ten or more years of consec-  
2 utive qualifying service;  
3 shall be allowed against the tax imposed by section six hundred one of  
4 this part, to each resident of the state who serves as a volunteer fire-  
5 fighter as defined in subdivision one of section three of the volunteer  
6 firefighters' benefit law or a volunteer ambulance worker as defined in  
7 subdivision one of section three of the volunteer ambulance workers'  
8 benefit law or as a member of a volunteer emergency medical services  
9 personnel squad. If a volunteer department member has a year where the  
10 qualifying service level is not met, then he or she shall receive the  
11 credit provided for in paragraph one of this subsection the next time  
12 they have a qualifying service year.

13     For the purposes of this subsection "qualifying service" shall mean  
14 service where such person has been a member in good standing with a  
15 volunteer department for a minimum of one year, has completed all  
16 required training courses as required by the state of New York and is  
17 certified by the chief emergency service coordinator of the county that  
18 the volunteer department serves to have attended at least forty percent  
19 of the activities of the volunteer department that he or she is a member  
20 of.

21     § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.