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## IN SENATE

March 12, 2020

Introduced by Sens. BROOKS, MARTINEZ, BORRELLO, BOYLE, GAUGHRAN, KAPLAN, KENNEDY, MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the volunteer firefighters' benefit law and the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law, in relation to exposure to a communicable disease that requires mandatory quarantine

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

1 Section 1. Section 11-b of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, as  
2 amended by chapter 476 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 § 11-b. Hazardous exposures. If, as a result of services performed in  
5 the line of duty, a volunteer firefighter is exposed to or comes in  
6 contact with any poisons, gases, x-rays, radium, radio-active materials  
7 or other potentially harmful substances or matter, or is exposed to a  
8 communicable disease that requires mandatory quarantine, the chief engi-  
9 neer or other executive officer of the fire department or fire company  
10 of which he or she is a member may authorize the volunteer firefighter  
11 to obtain such examinations, tests, treatment and care as are immediate-  
12 ly necessary to determine whether he or she is injured. Any such author-  
13 ization may be granted prior to the giving of a notice of injury under  
14 this chapter. In any such case, the volunteer firefighter shall be  
15 deemed to have been injured and shall be entitled to treatment and care  
16 and disability benefits as provided in this chapter.

17 § 2. Section 11-b of the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law, as  
18 amended by chapter 481 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 § 11-b. Hazardous exposures. If, as a result of services performed in  
21 the line of duty, a volunteer ambulance worker is exposed to or comes in  
22 contact with any poisons, gases, x-rays, radium, radioactive materials  
23 or other potentially harmful substances or matter, or is exposed to a  
24 communicable disease that requires mandatory quarantine, the captain or  
25 other executive officer of the ambulance department, volunteer ambulance  
26 company or ambulance district of which he or she is a member may author-

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

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1   ize the volunteer ambulance worker to obtain such examinations, tests,  
2   treatment and care as are immediately necessary to determine whether he  
3   or she is injured. Any such authorization may be granted prior to the  
4   giving of a notice of injury under this chapter. In any such case, the  
5   volunteer ambulance worker shall be deemed to have been injured and  
6   shall be entitled to treatment and care and disability benefits as  
7   provided in this chapter.

8   § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.