STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 22, 2021

Introduced by Sen. RATH -- 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 providing that each fire district, department or company required to provide enhanced cancer disability benefits for volunteer fire fighters pursuant to section two hundred five-cc of the general municipal law shall be entitled to reimbursement by the state for payments made in order to obtain the insurance coverage necessary to satisfy the requirements of section two hundred five-cc of the general municipal law

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

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 205-ccc to read as follows:

§ 205-ccc. Volunteer firefighter enhanced cancer disability benefit; reimbursement. 1. Each fire district, department or company required to provide enhanced cancer disability benefits for volunteer fire fighters pursuant to section two hundred five-cc of this article shall be entitled to reimbursement by the state for payments made in order to obtain the insurance coverage necessary to satisfy the requirements of such section.

2. Each fire district, department or company required to provide enhanced cancer disability benefits pursuant to section two hundred five-cc of this article shall be eligible for an annual reimbursement upon application, which must include proof of such policies held by a district, department or company, to the office of fire prevention and control. The office of fire prevention and control shall make determinations related to approving or denying submitted applications and issue appropriate reimbursements.

3. The office of fire prevention and control, in conjunction with the department of financial services, shall establish a uniform application

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

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process for reimbursement, and shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

4. The amount of the reimbursement shall be limited to the amount each district, department or company spent in the prior fiscal year in order to obtain insurance coverage necessary to comply with section two hundred five-cc of this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.