STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

September 24, 2021

Introduced by Sens. GAUGHRAN, ADDABBO, HELMING, HINCHEY, STEC -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- recommitted to the Committee on Local Government in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to authorizing a municipality to increase the number of years of service that a participant in a defined contribution plan service award program or a defined benefit plan service award program may receive a contribution

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 219-m of the general municipal law, as added by chapter 558 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

4. Points toward a year of ambulance service may be granted for activities performed after a participant reaches entitlement age, but shall not be granted for activities performed after a participant applies for a service award. The maximum number of years for which a participant may receive credit for a year of ambulance service shall be forty years. **The governing board of a political subdivision may extend the maximum number of years for which a participant may receive credit for a year of ambulance service for up to an additional ten years, to a maximum of fifty years, and such increases in the number of years may be added in multiple increments or in a single action, pursuant to the adoption of the required resolution or resolutions of the governing board, receiving the affirmative vote of at least sixty percent of the governing board of the political subdivision, and the approval of any mandatory referendum or referenda authorizing the extension of benefits under the program by eligible voters within such political subdivision.**

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

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§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 219-f of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 514 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

3. The maximum number of years for which a participant may receive a contribution shall be forty years. **The governing board of a political subdivision may extend the maximum number of years of service for which a participant may receive a contribution for up to an additional ten years, to a maximum of fifty years, and such increases in the number of years may be added in multiple increments or in a single action, pursuant to the adoption of the required resolution or resolutions of the governing board, receiving the affirmative vote of at least sixty percent of the governing board of the political subdivision, and the approval of any mandatory referendum or referenda authorizing the extension of benefits under the program by eligible voters within such political subdivision.**

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all current and future participants.