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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. STIRPE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to call firefighters

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

1 Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new
2 section 201-a to read as follows:

3 § 201-a. Call firefighters. Any volunteer fire company of a county,
4 city, town, village, fire district, fire protection district or any
5 other entity that operates a volunteer fire company, may elect to
6 include within its membership, call firefighters. Such call firefighters
7 shall serve at the call of the fire company, and shall receive a stipend
8 each time such call firefighter responds to a call by such fire company.
9 The amount of such stipend shall be determined by the fire company, but
10 shall not exceed fifty dollars per call or five thousand dollars annual-
11 ly per call firefighter. Call firefighters shall meet all criteria and
12 requirements necessary to be a volunteer firefighter. Candidates for
13 call firefighters shall apply to the fire company in a manner and form
14 to be determined by such fire company. Call firefighters shall in all
15 respects be afforded the status and benefits of volunteer firefighters
16 and shall be eligible to participate in the length of service award
17 program, provided however that call firefighters shall not be entitled
18 to any pension or retirement benefits afforded to full-time professional
19 firefighters.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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