STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 29, 2023

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- 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 call firefighters

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 201-a to read as follows:

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

§ 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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