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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SLATER, BENDETT, BRABENEC, E. BROWN, MAHER,  
LEMONDES, ANGELINO, TAGUE, McDONOUGH, DeSTEFANO, WALSH, PALMESANO --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to requiring the  
forfeiture of benefits to be paid pursuant to a service awards program  
to volunteer firefighters who have been convicted of certain crimes

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (m) of section 217 of the general municipal  
2 law, as added by chapter 617 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4 (m) A participant who is convicted of the crime of arson in any degree  
5 as defined in the penal law or any other felony defined in the penal law  
6 where such crime was committed against a volunteer fire department,  
7 volunteer fire company, fire district, or fire protection district shall  
8 not be eligible to receive benefits from a service award program and  
9 shall forfeit any and all rights [~~he or she~~] such participant may have  
10 had to past or future benefits pursuant to a service award program.  
11 § 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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