STATE OF NEW YORK

10240

IN SENATE

May 8, 2026

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT in relation to authorizing Larry Mendel to receive his 30 years of service credit granting eligibility for the length of service award program

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Larry Mendel, who retired from his position as a volunteer firefighter after more than 30 years with the Patterson Volunteer Fire Department, through no fault of his own, was not awarded the length of service award under article 11-A of the general municipal law for working such time with such fire department. His certificates stating and commemorating his 30 years of service shall be adequate to prove his time served. Larry Mendel shall be awarded the benefits under the length of service award program he would have received had there been appropriate record keeping.

§ 2. All costs associated with implementing the provisions of this act shall be borne by Glatfelter Specialty Benefits pursuant to their contractual obligations with the Patterson Volunteer Fire Department for administering the length of service award program established under article 11-A of the general municipal law.

§ 3. 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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