STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 19, 2025

Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the state finance law, in relation to creating a volunteer firefighter training fund; and making an appropriation therefor

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

Section 1. Section 72-g of the general municipal law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. Within amounts appropriated therefor and based on availability of funds, the chief officer of the fire department of a municipal corporation or fire district, subject to any rules or regulations governing such department, may apply for money from the volunteer firefighter training fund established under section ninety-nine-ss of the state finance law for any payment made under this section.

§ 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-ss to read as follows:

§ 99-ss. Volunteer firefighter training fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance a fund to be known as the "volunteer firefighter training fund".

2. Such fund shall consist of all revenues received from contributions, donations and all other moneys appropriated, credited or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law.

3. Moneys of the fund, following appropriation by the legislature, may be expended for the training of volunteer firefighters under section seventy-two-g of the general municipal law. Moneys shall be paid out of the fund on the audit and warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the comptroller.

§ 3. The sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the volunteer firefighter

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

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training fund as established pursuant to section 99-ss of the state finance law from any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the account not otherwise appropriated for services and expenses of the account for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the comptroller in the manner prescribed by law.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.