

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 7, 2026

Introduced by Sen. ASHBY -- 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 training stipends paid by the office of fire prevention and control to volunteer firefighters

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 3 and 4 of section 200-aa of the general
2 municipal law, as added by section 2 of part H of chapter 55 of the laws
3 of 2023, are amended to read as follows:

4 3. The office of fire prevention and control may make available state
5 funds through a training stipend to volunteer firefighters for
6 completion of certain firefighter training, as identified and published
7 by the office of fire prevention and control; provided, however, that
8 the office of fire prevention and control shall make available state
9 funds through a training stipend to volunteer firefighters for the
10 completion of the following firefighter trainings, as identified and
11 published by the office of fire prevention and control, in the following
12 amounts:

13 (a) a stipend of fifteen hundred dollars for completion of the basic
14 exterior firefighting operations with hazardous material first responder
15 operations course, or equivalent; and

16 (b) a stipend of twenty-five hundred dollars for completion of the
17 self-contained breathing apparatus with interior fighting operations
18 course, or equivalent.

19 4. No volunteer firefighter [~~may~~] shall receive a training stipend
20 from both a volunteer fire company pursuant to subdivision two of this
21 section and the office of fire prevention and control pursuant to subdivi-
22 sion three of this section for completion of the same firefighter
23 training; provided, however, that if a volunteer fire company provides a
24 training stipend to a volunteer firefighter for completion of a fire-
25 fighter training listed under paragraph (a) or (b) of subdivision three
26 of this section in an amount less than the amount directed to be paid by
27 the office of fire prevention and control under such paragraph (a) or

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

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1 (b), the office of fire prevention and control shall pay a supplemental
2 training stipend to such volunteer firefighter in the amount of the
3 difference between the amount directed to be paid under paragraph (a) or
4 (b) of subdivision three of this section and the amount paid by such
5 volunteer fire company.

6 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.