

# NYSVARA Bill Support List

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## **Rescue EMS Package**

- S.3768 (Sanders)/A.2442 (Hevesi) - Creates a methodology for ambulance reimbursement under Medicaid that more closely approximates the true cost of delivering EMS services.
- A.2177A (Lupardo)/S.1515 (May) - Removes expenditures for emergency medical services from the limit on real property tax levies by local governments.
- Executive Budget - Extend the community paramedicine demonstration project (Public Health Law Sec. 3018) to sunset June 22, 2027, a two-year extension.
- Increase the volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' personal income tax credit (Multiple Bills)
- A.288 (Barrett) - Allow volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers to claim both state income and local property tax credits.
- A.34 (Eachus)/S.31 (Comrie) - Require the Thruway Authority to issue emergency services permits to EMS vehicles as is already done for fire vehicles, which would exempt EMS from Thruway tolls.
- Essential Service - Recognizes EMS and ambulance services as an essential service that shall be available to every person in the state of NY in a reliable manner. Does not apply to NYC [2024 bill numbers: S.4020-C (Mayer) / A.3392-C (Otis)].

## **ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION**

### **Volunteer Incentives**

- A.516 (Woerner) - Gives state income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$1,200.
- A.1064 (Angelino)/S.1123 (Oberacker) - Gives state income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$2,500.
- A.3114 (Eachus)/S.3169 (Felder) - Gives state income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance corps in good standing up to \$500.

- A.5863 (Colton)/S.3139 (Cooney) - Establishes a statewide program to provide free SUNY, CUNY, and community college tuition to active volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency medical services providers, and volunteer auxiliary police officers.
- S.3527 (Ortt) / A.4720 (Bologna) – Establishes a volunteer emergency services mileage reimbursement tax credit; allows an active volunteer firefighter or a volunteer ambulance worker a credit equal to their reasonable mileage allowance when utilizing their personal vehicle in the fulfillment of their emergency response duties.

### **EMS Reform**

- A.1309 (Paulin)/S.5333 (Rivera) - Authorizes collaborative programs for community paramedicine services as part of the hospital-home care-physician collaboration program.
- S.3883 (Hinchey)/A5432 (McDonald) - Would authorize Paramedic administration of Buprenorphine for substance abuse disorder.
- A.2177A (Lupardo)/S.1515 (May) - Removes expenditures for emergency medical services from the limit on real property tax levies by local governments.
- A.113 (Berger)/S.1621 (Stavisky) - Provides an exemption to the prohibition on tinted windows in automobiles for emergency ambulance service vehicles.
- A.4044 (Jones)/S.4930 (Martinez) – Would make 209b, which permits fire department ambulance billing, permanent

### **Workforce**

- S.5407 (Harvkham) - Establishes the "first responder peer support program act" which supplies peer-to-peer mental health programs to first responders.
- S.5449 (Cormier) - Increases the penalties for assault on police officers, peace officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians causing physical injury or serious physical injury.