

STATE OF NEW YORK

6784

IN SENATE

February 5, 2010

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

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the training of fire officers in cities of one million or more

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

- 1 Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new
2 section 209-ff to read as follows:
3 § 209-ff. Training of fire officers. In any city with a population of
4 one million or more, the fire department of such city, in coordination
5 with the building department of such city, shall no later than January
6 first, two thousand eleven, provide to all fire officers of such city at
7 least forty hours of field training and classroom instruction in the
8 fire code of such city and at least forty hours of field training and
9 classroom instruction in the building and construction codes and local
10 ordinances of such city, with an emphasis on the inspection duties of
11 fire officers and any pertinent changes in such duties resulting from
12 the enactment of or any amendment to any of such codes that took effect
13 on or after July first, two thousand eight.
14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

LBD15592-01-0

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE
INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
submitted in accordance with Senate Rule VI. Sec 1**

BILL NUMBER: S6784

SPONSOR: SAVINO

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the training of fire officers in cities of one million or more

PURPOSE:

The intent of this legislation is to provide a training and familiarization for all fire officers and firefighters in the new Fire and Building Codes for the purpose of determining compliance with these codes and applicable laws, rules and regulations enforced by the New York City Fire Department.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 209-ff - requiring the city of New York to provide at least eighty hours of training for all fire officers in the new fire and construction codes.

EXISTING LAW:

In April 2003, the Mayor's Advisory Commission on the Adoption of the International Building Code, established by Executive Order No. 30 of 2002, recommended the adoption of a new building code and related codes based on the model codes published by the International Code Council. The new building code and other construction codes were adopted by the enactment of local law 33 of 2007. Additionally, the Fire Department after a three year process of reviewing the International Fire Code and incorporating changes to reflect the unique character of the city and existing fire code standards and requirements which were adopted by local law 26 of 2008.

JUSTIFICATION:

New York City Local law 26 of 2008 which enacted a new Fire Code and Local Law 33 of 2007 which enacted the new NYC Building Code took effect July 1, 2008. Prior to and subsequent to that date fire officers and firefighters have received little to no training in the specifics of the new codes or the provisions of which they are empowered to enforce. Both of these new codes are extensive and voluminous in their content. Additionally, there were many substantive changes made to the existing law. This bill would provide a mechanism to provide fire officers and firefighters with the necessary tools to do their jobs safely.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

New Legislation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

To be determined.

LOCAL FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

To be determined.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK

9885

IN ASSEMBLY

February 5, 2010

Introduced by M. of A. ABBATE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Cities

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14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)**

BILL NUMBER: A9885

SPONSOR: Abbate

TITLE OF BILL: An act to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the training of fire officers in cities of one million or more

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL: To aid fire officers in ensuring improved fire safety protection for New York City residents and businesses.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: The intent of this legislation is to provide a training and familiarization for all fire officers in the new Fire and Building Codes for the purpose of determining compliance with these codes and applicable laws, rules and regulations enforced by the New York City Fire Department.

JUSTIFICATION: New York City Local law 26 of 2008 enacted a new Fire Code effective July 1, 2008. The new NYC Building Code also took effect July 1, 2008. Prior to and subsequent to that date fire officers have received little to no training in the specifics of the new codes or the provisions of which they are empowered to enforce. Both of these new codes are extensive and voluminous in their content. Additionally, there were many substantive changes made to the existing law. This bill would provide a mechanism to grant fire officers the necessary tools to do their jobs safely.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: New Bill

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: None

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately.
