

STATE OF NEW YORK

7009

IN SENATE

April 11, 2014

Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- 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 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 July
6 first, two thousand fifteen, provide to all fire officers of such city
7 at 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.

LBD14693-01-4

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

BILL NUMBER: S7009

SPONSOR: GOLDEN

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

PURPOSE:

Requires mandatory training for fire officers in all cities whose population is in excess of one million.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

This bill adds a new section 209-ff to the General Municipal Law to require the fire department of any city with a population of one million or more to provide all fire officers with at least 40 hours of field training and classroom instruction in the building and construction codes and local ordinances of such city.

JUSTIFICATION:

In order to insure the most coordinated and efficient fire departments, it is necessary for new and existing fire officers to be knowledgeable of contemporary fire codes, as well as building and construction codes and local city ordinances. Specifically, this act requires all fire departments of a city with an excess population of one million residents to provide all fire officers of such department with at least 40 hours of field training and classroom instruction in the city's fire code, and a minimum of 40 hours of field training and classroom instruction in the building and construction codes and local ordinances of the city. Per these requirements and with emphasis on the inspection duties of fire officers, including any pertinent changes in such duties resulting from the enactment of or any amendment to any codes that took effect in recent years, fire officers can better understand the current codes of their city.

This curriculum will benefit both the fire departments and the communities they serve by insuring a more knowledgeable and effective body of fire officers who are up to date in terms of these readily-changing codes and ordinances.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

S.4650 of 2013 - Vetoed
S.6436 of 2012 - Vetoed

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

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9573

IN ASSEMBLY

May 7, 2014

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

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