



## Legislation Text

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Res. No. 753

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 01755, a bill to provide a two hundred dollar personal income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers who have completed all required training courses as required by the state of New York; or, if the Legislature chooses not to pass this bill, it should, at the minimum, grant the City of New York the authority to provide this credit to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers in New York City.

By Council Members Nelson, Vallone, Addabbo, Clarke, Fidler, Gennaro, Gerson, Jackson, Liu, Rivera, Serrano, Stewart, Weprin and Brewer  
Whereas, Volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers provide a valuable

life-saving function on a daily basis; and

Whereas, It is estimated that these volunteers save New York State taxpayers well in excess of one billion dollars annually; and  
Whereas, The services provided by these volunteers are necessary for maintaining public

safety, and utilizing these services is far less costly than only utilizing the services of paid

firefighters and ambulance workers; and

Whereas, Although New York City is mostly serviced by the firefighters and emergency  
medical service providers within the Fire Department of New York (FDNY), the FDNY is assisted  
by ten volunteer fire departments, located in certain residential areas: five departments are in

Queens, one is in Brooklyn, two are in the Bronx and two are in Staten Island; and

Whereas, Citywide, these ten volunteer fire companies average about 400 volunteers, who provide fire, rescue and emergency  
medical services to the communities they help protect; and

Whereas, These volunteers also assist in disasters outside of their residential neighborhood, as several volunteer departments  
including Aviation Volunteer Fire Department in the Bronx, Broad Channel Volunteer Fire Department in Queens and Richmond Volunteer Fire  
Department in Staten Island, arrived prior to the collapse of the first tower at the World Trade Center, and assisted in rescue and emergency  
medical service provision; and

Whereas, The City is also fortunate to have several volunteer ambulance services, which include, but are not limited to, the Flatlands  
Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the Bayside Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the Middle Village Ambulance Corps, and the Central Park Medical  
Unit, which provide free medical treatment upon response; and

Whereas, These volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers deserve thanks from the people they serve, and a tax credit is certainly  
an appropriate method for the state to express its appreciation for the important works performed by these volunteers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 01755, a bill to  
provide a two hundred dollar personal income tax credit to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers who have completed all  
required training courses as required by the state of New York; or, if the Legislature chooses not to pass this bill, it should, at the minimum,  
grant the City of New York the authority to provide this credit to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers in New York City.

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