

## Legislation Text

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### Narrative of Resolution:

Supporting the adoption of NYS Senate and Assembly Bills benefiting EMS in NYS

### If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** N/A

**Are funds already budgeted?** Choose an item.

### Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

#### **RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF NEW YORK SENATE BILLS (S.8486, S.5000, S.6630 & S.7286) AND ASSEMBLY BILLS (A.4077, A.6274, A.7524 & A.231 of 2021) WHICH WOULD BENEFIT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES THROUGHOUT NEW YORK STATE**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Senate and the New York Assembly are currently discussing several Bills which would benefit local Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) efforts in New York State; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill S.8486 would provide for Medicaid reimbursement for treatment in place and transportation to alternate health care settings ; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill S.5000 and Assembly Bill A.4077 would exempt EMS funding from the tax cap calculation; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill S.6630 and Assembly Bill A.6274 would allow volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers to claim both state income tax credits and local property tax credits; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill S.7286 and Assembly Bill A.7524 would increase volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers personal income tax credit from \$200 to \$800 for eligible individuals and from \$400 to \$1600 for eligible married joint filers; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill A.231 of 2021 would create a methodology for ambulance reimbursement under Medicaid that more closely approximates the cost of providing the service; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS workers and providers throughout New York State are facing a crisis which jeopardizes their ability to provide the necessary life saving services they provide and they desperately need the assistance that the Senate Bills and Assembly Bills detailed above will provide.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature, joins with the New York State Association of Counties and numerous other Counties in New York State and strongly urges the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly to support local EMS efforts to provide vital lifesaving services by adopting Senate Bills S8486, S.5000, S.6630 & S.7286 and Assembly Bills A.4077, A.6274, A.7524 & A.231 of 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Peter Oberacker, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Assemblyman Brian Miller, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and all others deemed necessary and proper.