

VETO MESSAGE - No. 263

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 6579, entitled:

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

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require that fire officers in New York City receive an additional 80 hours of field and classroom training on the City's fire and building and construction codes and on the City's ordinances.

The New York City Mayor's Office has urged me to disapprove this bill for several reasons, including the significant fiscal impact of the bill.

I vetoed a similar bill in 2012 and expressed my wish that the City and its unions would cooperate and reach agreement on the appropriate scope and amount of training. It appears that differences between the parties remain, however, so the new mayoral administration should be provided with an opportunity to resolve these differences, rather than be dictated the specifics of its training program.

This bill is disapproved.

(signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO
