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REV. JOHN TALLMAN  
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April 29, 2024

RE: AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to reporting by the office of fire prevention and control

S.8574 (Jackson)

A.9241 (Weprin)

### MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

**The New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association (NYSPPFA), I.A.F.F. AFL-CIO**, a not-for-profit association representing 18,000 fire fighters in 110 Locals in various cities, villages, and towns across New York State, strongly supports the enactment of this legislation, which will provide increased transparency regarding the training qualifications of firefighters in New York State.

Section 156 of the Executive Law requires the Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) to issue an annual written report to the Governor and Legislature on firefighter training activities. This bill will add additional information to such report including the number of hours and the type of training each firefighter in New York State is receiving and whether or not each firefighter is qualified for interior firefighting.

New York Codes, Rules & Regulations (9 NYCRR 210) defines an interior firefighter as “an active volunteer firefighter who: has the minimum training to conduct interior structural firefighting duties as determined by the fire district, department or company; has been deemed physically and medically qualified pursuant to 29 CFR 1910.134 to use self-contained breathing apparatus; has successfully completed fit test(s); and has been designated by the fire district, department or company to perform interior structural firefighting duties in an immediately dangerous to life and health atmosphere.”





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The enactment of this bill into law is necessary to protect the health and safety of NYSPFFA firefighters involved in fire situations, particularly during catastrophic events that require mutual aid with multiple fire departments responding. The commanding officers and the firefighters on the scene should be aware of which firefighters have the adequate training to enter the interior of the structure in order to extinguish the fire quickly and effectively in the safest manner possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Samuel A. Fresina, President  
New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association

