

The Firefighters' Association State of Pennsylvania

Bills that moved so far in the 2025-2026 legislative session

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Status
HB 393	Rep. Chris Pielli (D)	Amends the Second-Class Township Code to increase statutory maximums for fire and EMS special purpose taxes	Final passage in the House and referred to Senate Local Government Committee (5/22/25)
HB 797	Rep. Jessica Benham (D)	Removes the prohibition on spouses of deceased City of Pittsburgh firefighters receiving survivor pension benefits if they remarry.	Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee (6/25/25)
HB 1084	Rep. Joe McAndrew (D)	Exempts volunteer fire companies from paying fees related to the filing of articles of incorporation.	Final passage in the House and referred to the Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee (6/18/25)
HB 1261	Rep. Brian Munroe (D)	Regulates the use of Class B firefighting foam containing PFAS and requires manufacturers of PPE used in firefighting to affix a warning label to the product.	Final passage in the House and referred to the Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee (7/15/25)
HB 1289	Rep. Steven Malagari (D)	Provides a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to municipal firefighters.	Reported from the House Local Government Committee (5/7/25)
HB 1306	Rep. Justin Fleming (D)	Excludes contributions and distributions to volunteer firefighter length-of-service awards from income.	Passed finally in the House and referred to the Senate Finance Committee (6/24/25)
SB 90	Sen. Doug Mastriano (R)	Modifies the testing requirements for entry level fire and emergency services training.	Signed into law as Act 33 of 2025 (7/7/25)
SB 91	Sen. Doug Mastriano (R)	Fixes an omission in the law that excludes the families of PA resident first responders from receiving line of duty death benefits solely because they worked as a first	Reported from Senate Veteran Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee (3/26/25)

		responder out of state.	
<u>SB 138</u>	Sen. Doug Mastriano (R)	Permits volunteer Hazmat Team members to be eligible for the tax credit if the county, school district, COG, or municipality deems appropriate.	Reported from Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee (3/26/25)
<u>SB 211</u>	Sen. Michele Brooks (R)	Allows Pennsylvanians to donate all or a portion of their annual state individual income tax return to the OSFC, for the use in supporting the grant programs.	Rereferred to the Senate Appropriations Committee (3/31/25)
<u>SB 344</u>	Sen. Tracy Pennycuik (R)	Provides a cost-of-living adjustment for municipal firefighters.	Rereferred to the Senate Appropriations Committee (6/24/25)
<u>SB 398</u>	Sen. Michele Brooks (R)	Allows a fire company that has a valid small game of chance license to conduct online raffles.	Passed finally in the Senate and referred to the House Gaming Oversight Committee (7/17/25)
<u>SB 457</u>	Sen. Katie Muth (D)	Allows the OSFC to increase eligible loan categories, change the length of the loan payback period, and require any PPE purchased with loans to not contain PFAS.	Reported from the Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee (3/26/25)
<u>SB 466</u>	Sen. Michele Brooks (R)	Requires grant reporting, provides for fire suppression training credits, and codifies provisions related to the Fire and EMS company grant program.	Signed into law as Act 25 of 2025 (6/30/25)
<u>SB 470</u>	Sen. Michele Brooks (R)	Creates a pilot program to give interested high school students training in firefighting.	Rereferred to the Senate Appropriations Committee (3/26/25)
<u>SB 782</u>	Sen. Judy Ward (R)	Allows retired state employees who are state-certified emergency medical service, police or fire instructors to return to service part-time without having their pensions halted.	Rereferred to the Senate Appropriations Committee (6/26/25)

Bills introduced so far (no legislative action) in the 2025-2026 legislative session

- [SB 110](#) – Extends federal Public Safety Officer Support Act of 2022 benefits to the families of first responders who suffer from post-traumatic stress injury as a result of their line of work.
- [SB 330](#) – Provides 5% of revenue from 50/50 drawings at sporting events to local fire departments.
- [SB 423](#) – Offers a reduced fee for hunting and fishing licenses for volunteer firefighters and volunteer special fire police officers.
- [SB 514](#) – Allows those with a Bingo License to sell tickets to their bingo events online.
- [SB 515](#) – Allows for small games of chance license holders the option of accepting debit cards for payment.
- [SB 523](#) – Provides access to cancer and cardiovascular screenings for firefighters and EMS employed by a municipal fire department through a health care benefits plan or program provided by the public employers.
- [SB 526](#) – Creates a state tax credit for active volunteer firefighters.
- [SB 530](#) – Exempts firefighters from the sale and use tax when purchasing protective equipment and accessory communications equipment with their own personal funds.
- [SB 531](#) – Provides that companies must receive the funds that the OSFC already authorized and promised to them for a current award cycle.
- [SB 552](#) – Provides that a person involved in an emergency, that necessitates a response from a volunteer emergency services organization, shall be liable for the actual and reasonable response costs, when services are rendered.
- [SB 577](#) – Removes the prohibition on spouses of deceased City of Pittsburgh firefighters receiving survivor pension benefits if they remarry.
- [SB 582](#) – Allows volunteer fire companies one 15-day grace period within a three-year period to submit their report, without having to demonstrate an undue burden or hardship.

- [SB 591](#) – Requires PennDOT to implement the installation of “dry hydrants” into the design of new and reconstructed bridges and box culverts.
- [SB 611](#) – Amends Pennsylvania’s Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA) to designate certain PFAS substances used in firefighting foams as “hazardous substances” under the Act.
- [SB 634](#) – Creates the new offense for Hate Crimes Against Law Enforcement and First Responders.
- [SB 794](#) – Increases the amount recoverable from fire loss and ensures that escrow funds will be audited.
- [SB 923](#) – Exempts volunteer fire and EMS companies from the Right-to-Know Law.
- [HB 89](#) – Requires telecommunication companies to respond within 90 minutes of being notified of their downed lines.
- [HB 107](#) – Allows nonprofits to hold online raffles for fundraising purposes.
- [HB 108](#) – Creates an emergency services fund in each municipality to provide additional funding to local fire companies.
- [HB 128](#) – Adds emergency service personnel who request to be excused to the list of allowable exemptions to jury duty.
- [HB 237](#) – Provides first responders with death benefits even if they did not pass while performing a traditional line-of-duty task.
- [HB 366](#) – Holds telecommunication companies financially accountable when they fail to assist the emergency management system and first responders and compensates the volunteer fire departments at a rate of \$1,000 per hour during an outage of the 911 system when it requires them to man the fire station.
- [HB 397](#) – Allows fire companies of certified EMTs to bill insurance companies for medically necessary emergency services.
- [HB 537](#) – Provides property tax relief to spouses and families of fallen first responders.

- [HB 675](#) – Prohibits the distribution, manufacture, production or sale of firefighting personal equipment that contains an intentionally added PFAS chemical beginning January 1, 2028, with a few exceptions.
- [HB 676](#) – Creates a grant program to provide funding to embed mental health professionals among first responders.
- [HB 762](#) – Provides a sale and use tax exemption for any protective equipment used by volunteer firefighters.
- [HB 791](#) – Provides a religious exemption for individuals seeking firefighter certification whose religions prevent them from shaving or trimming their beards so long as they pass a fit test.
- [HB 901](#) – Gives sales tax exemption to firefighters who purchase firefighting equipment with their own money.
- [HB 962](#) – Permit fire departments with small games of chance licenses to collect payment and perform their games online.
- [HB 1036](#) – Waives the vehicle registration fee for active volunteer first responders who drive their own vehicles when responding to emergencies.
- [HB 1052](#) – Requires all fireproofing material applicators to be trained and licensed.
- [HB 1087](#) – Establishes an education tax credit for active volunteer first responders studying at a Pennsylvania institution of higher learning.
- [HB 1116](#) – Directs the DEP to conduct a study on PFAS in biosolids.
- [HB 1168](#) – Allows individuals who are renewing their driver's licenses or vehicle registration to donate to their local fire department.
- [HB 1296](#) – Adds options for an individual to donate to fire companies when renewing their driver's license or vehicle registrations.
- [HB 1717](#) – Exempts volunteer fire and EMS companies from the Right-to-Know Law.

- HB 1756 – Allows volunteer fire companies, nonprofit rescue squads, nonprofit ambulance services and nonprofit older adult centers to be charged a residential rate for all public utilities.
- HB 1757 – Establishes a voluntary firefighter cancer registry within the Department of Health.
- HB 1758 – In order to for a firefighter's workers' compensation claim related to cancer to be denied, there would have to be clear and convincing medical evidence that the cancer was not caused by firefighting and evidence that firefighting in no way contributed to the cancer.
- HB 1761 – Prohibits public utilities and municipal-owned water systems from charging stand-by fees when volunteer fire companies, nonprofit rescue squads and ambulance services have sprinklers.
- HB 1817 – Creates a 25-foot safety zone around first responders while they are performing their duties in certain situations.