

Summary of proposed EMS legislation:

S4020/A3392 (2023 Legislative Session):

- Defines EMS as Essential. Must be provided by municipalities in a reliable manner and be available to everyone.
- NYS EMS Council and Regional EMS Councils must develop statewide comprehensive and regional plans and standards.
- Establishment of an EMS quality and sustainability assurance program and an emergency medical systems training program.
- Development of a public service campaign for EMS recruitment; mental health & wellness programs to reduce burnout, suicide, depression.
- Provides access to NYSHIP/Empire Plan for NFP & Volunteer EMS agencies.
- Provides access to NYS Retirement benefits for NFP & Volunteers (as service credit- like FF).
- Allows for the creation of EMS special districts as of right.
- Opportunity for EMS agencies to become accredited.