



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patrick M. Gallivan

Senator Gallivan Announces Passage of Measures Supporting EMS Providers

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NYS Senate Approves a Package of 5 Bills

Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C, Elma) announces the New York State Senate has passed a legislative package of bills aimed at supporting emergency medical service providers and improving emergency care. The five pieces of legislation were co-sponsored by Senator Gallivan and address financial and operational challenges facing many EMS organizations.

“The men and women who provide emergency medical services across New York State are on the frontlines of our healthcare system,” Senator Gallivan said. “We must ensure they have the personnel and resources necessary to respond to the life-saving needs of residents, especially in rural areas of the state. These measures will enhance the safety of all New Yorkers.”

Bills approved by the Senate include:

- S7286A – The legislation increases the state’s personal income tax credit for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers from \$200 to \$800 for individuals and from \$400 to \$1600 for eligible married joint filers. The tax credit was implemented in 2007 but has never been raised.
- S8486B - Allows Medicaid reimbursements to EMS agencies for providing service to Medicaid enrollees without requiring the transportation of these patients. It would also permit Medicaid payments to be made to EMS services when they transport individuals to alternative care facilities.
- S6226A – The bill permits ambulance services and advanced life support first response service providers to store and distribute blood and initiate and administer blood transfusions.
- S5122 – Allows the NYS Department of Health to charge ambulance service providers a universal service assessment fee to cover increased medical assistant payment rates for their services.
- S4020C – Declares general ambulance service to be an "essential service" and requires that every county, city, town and village, acting individually or jointly, or in conjunction with a special district, ensure that an emergency medical service, a general ambulance service, or

a combination of such services is provided for.

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RELATED LEGISLATION

2023-S7286A

- Introduced

- ◦ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Relates to tax credits for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers

May 19, 2023

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [Monica R. Martinez](#)

Do you support this bill?

2023-S8486B

- Introduced
 - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
 - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
 - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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[Relates to medicaid reimbursement for treatment in place and transportation to alternative health care settings by ambulance services](#)

February 05, 2024

Signed by Governor

2023-S6226A

- Introduced

- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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[Provides for availability of ambulance services and advanced life support first response service to store and distribute blood and initiate and administer blood transfusions](#)

April 04, 2023

Senate Floor Calendar

Do you support this bill?

2023-S5122

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Establishes a uniform ambulance assessment fee

February 23, 2023

In Assembly Committee

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Do you support this bill?

2023-S4020C

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to emergency medical services

February 02, 2023

In Assembly Committee

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Do you support this bill?
