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OF

S. 8284 – Phillips / A.10721 - Abbate

The CSEA strongly supports this legislation.

This legislation adds a new section 607-i to the retirement and social security law to provide for a performance of duty disability retirement benefit for ambulance medical technician supervisors, ambulance medical technician coordinators, and ambulance medical technicians (AMTs) employed by Nassau County.

AMTs provide a critical service to the communities of Nassau County. They are on the front lines of emergency situations and are responsible for providing emergency medical aid and transport in a wide variety of environments and situations. This often puts them in dangerous and even life threatening positions, whether it be encountering a violent individual or serving as tactical medics for the Nassau County Police Department Bureau of Special Operations.

Due to the environment that they work in, AMTs can become permanently unable to work due to a disability caused on the job. This legislation recognizes this reality by authorizing a performance of duty disability for these employees. Passing this legislation would ensure that the AMTs and their families are properly protected if they were suddenly unable to work anymore and would also achieve parity in benefits with other first responders in the state.

On behalf of 300,000 active and retired public and private employees across New York State, CSEA urges passage of this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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