

Federal

These are Federal Level Bills of importance to the fire service that have been introduced in the current session. Information on the bills come from a number of sources including the IAFC and NVFC. It is important to note that many issues affecting the fire service are in the budget bill, including AFG, SAFRE, USFA/NFA Funding, and VFA. When talking with your Congressional Representatives be sure and ask them to keep these items funded in the budget as requested by members of the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI).

[HR 1241](#) Support John Larson Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act of 2019
2/14/2019 - House - Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

NC Bills

Here are the North Carolina Bills of interest affecting the fire service that the NCSFA/NCAFC'S legislative committee will be following at this point.

[H 0018](#) Passed Julia Howard Allow Absentee Ballots/Fire District Election
7/19/2019 - Ch. SL 2019-136

[H 0081](#) Support Brenden Jones Move Over Law/Increase Penalties
2/14/2019 - House - Ref to the Com on Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Matters, if favorable, Judiciary, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Transportation, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0118](#) Support Harry Warren First Responders Act of 2019
5/7/2019 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0120](#) Support Debra Conrad Clarify Fire District Funding Eligibility
5/29/2019 - Senate - Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0144](#) Support Harold Corbin Prohibits using a phone or handheld device while driving.
6/20/2019 - Senate - Re-ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0159](#) Priority Robert Davis Provides funding for Search and Rescue Teams

3/13/2019 - House - Re-ref Com On Appropriations, Justice and Public Safety

[H 0213](#) **Priority** George Cleveland Creates a tax benefit for retirees of state or local government similar to the tax exemption given to employees vested before 1999. Some call it the Bailey Act.

3/5/2019 - House - Re-ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0220](#) **Passed** Mitchell Setzer Under Part X, clarifies the NC Fire and Rescue Commission Rule Making Authority.

7/26/2019 - Ch. SL 2019-179

[H 0278](#) **Priority** Jason Saine Separation Allowance Bill

5/7/2019 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0283](#) **Passed** Brenden Jones Provides benefits (\$100,000) to Public Safety Officer murdered while performing their duties.

10/9/2019 - Ch. SL 2019-228

[H 0466](#) **Support** Dennis Riddell Adds 3 new Cancers to Line of Duty Death for firefighters

4/11/2019 - House - Re-ref Com On Appropriations, General Government

[H 0520](#) **Support** David Lewis This is a Presumptive Cancer Bill

5/6/2019 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0573](#) **Support** Phillip Shepard Mirrors recently passed legislation in Florida giving PTS coverage under workers compensation for specific events within a year.

4/4/2019 - House - Ref to the Com on Judiciary, if favorable, State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0597](#) **Passed** James Adams Wildlife Resources Commission Amends

8/27/2019 - Ch. SL 2019-204

[H 0606](#) **Support** Allen McNeill Increases Penalties for certain types of Arson including Commercial

5/6/2019 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0615](#) **Oppose** John Szoka Increases the use and size of consumer fireworks. Sister bill to SB 566.

6/13/2019 - House - Re-ref to the Com on Regulatory Reform, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0622](#) **Support** Holly Grange Provides Workers Compensation for PTS in firefighters within 1 year of occurrence for certain types of exposures.

5/6/2019 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

- H 0631** Support Keith Kidwell Allows up to a \$500 business tax credit for firefighters and rescue workers who are not reimbursed for their expenses.
4/9/2019 - House - Ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
- H 0675** Passed Mark Brody Creates a "Residential Change-out Inspector Certification under the Code Qualifications Board to inspect change outs in residential homes."
7/26/2019 - Ch. SL 2019-174
- H 0730** Oppose John Szoka Ammends the NC Building Code allowing "door step" trash containers in multi-family dwellings, some of which may be in corridors of egress, and limits the size and time they can be there.
5/6/2019 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- H 0966** Monitor Linda Johnson 2019 Appropriations Act
1/14/2020 - Senate - Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- H 1085** Monitor Rachel Hunt Front Line State Employee Hazard Pay/Funds
5/14/2020 - House - Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
- H 1142** Monitor Carolyn Logan Benefit Parity for EMS/TSERS/LGERS
5/18/2020 - House - Ref to the Com on Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
- S 0020** Support Danny Britt Emergency Worker Protection Act
3/13/2019 - House - Ref to the Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, if favorable, Judiciary, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
- S 0029** Passed Danny Britt Move Over Law/Increase Penalties/Amber Lights
7/22/2019 - Ch. SL 2019-157
- S 0179** Priority William Jackson Separation Allowance
3/5/2019 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- S 0346** Support Donald Davis Provides sales tax exemptions to volunteer non-profit fire/rescue departments
3/25/2019 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- S 0349** Priority Jerry Tillman This increases funding to keep our Fire and Rescue Pension Fund, Relief Fund, VSWCF, and Fire Grants Solvent
3/26/2019 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- S 0396** Priority Norman Sanderson State Search and Rescue Funding
3/28/2019 - Senate - Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

- [S 0416](#) **Priority** Warren Daniel This provides a loan forgiveness program for firefighters at DCC, free hunting and fishing licenses, a reduced property tax, all to eligible volunteer firefighters, and increases the Fire and Rescue Pension to \$180.
5/14/2019 - Senate - Re-ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0429](#) **Support** Paul Newton Supplies Funding for SAR teams, page 3, Item 7.
9/18/2019 - Ch. SL 2019-224
- [S 0519](#) **Support** Jim Burgin Licensing Certain Fire Safety Equip. Work
4/3/2019 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0553](#) **Oppose** Norman Sanderson Affects Trash Collection in Apartments, Temp Event Venues, Architectural Exceptions, and an Interstate Study for Emergency Vehicles.
1/14/2020 - Senate - Failed To Override Veto
- [S 0566](#) **Oppose** Richard Gunn Increases the Use and Sale of Fireworks in NC.
4/3/2019 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0598](#) **Support** Charles Edwards Provides \$100,000 in funding to assist fire departments responding to state lands.
4/4/2019 - Senate - Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0631](#) **Support** Danny Britt Increases the responsibility of the Commissioner of Insurance on Arson reporting and investigation.
4/4/2019 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0743](#) **Support** Kirk deViere Expand Fire Grant Fund
5/18/2020 - Senate - Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

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