

**INTRO 8-1**

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**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATOR DIXON**

Re: Requesting Revision of New York's "Move Over" Law to Include Emergency Vehicles Displaying Blue Lights

WHEREAS, New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §1144-a, more commonly known as the "Move Over" law, requires motorists on parkways or controlled access highways to move from a lane in which an emergency vehicle displaying a red or amber flashing light, or from a lane immediately adjacent to the shoulder which is occupied by such an emergency vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the law does not include emergency vehicles displaying blue lights; and

WHEREAS, fire police vehicles typically display blue lights; and

WHEREAS, as such, New York State's "Move Over" law does not apply to fire police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, fire police frequently find themselves in dangerous and intense traffic situations; and

WHEREAS, fire police should be afforded similar protections as police and tow truck operators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature respectfully requests that the New York State Legislature amend New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §1144-a to include emergency vehicles displaying blue lights; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo and the Western New York Delegation of the New York State Senate and Assembly.

Fiscal Impact: None