

Final 115th Congress (2017-18) legislative status report

Updated January 4, 2019

Enacted legislation is listed first, followed by bills that were not enacted and will need to be reintroduced in the 116th Congress.

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| Bill Description | Bill Number(s) | Sponsor | Status |
| SIREN Act | H.R. 5429  S. 2830  **H.R. 2** | Gianforte (R-MT)  Durbin (D-IL)  **Conway (R-TX)** | Introduced 4/5/2018  Introduced 5/10/2018  **Became Law 12/20/2018** |
| [NVFC-Backed SIREN Act Creating Rural EMS Grant Program Passes Congress, Goes to President](https://www.nvfc.org/nvfc-backed-siren-act-creating-rural-ems-grant-program-passes-congress-goes-to-president/) | | | |
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| National EMS Memorial Act | **H.R. 1031**  S. 1692 | **Lynch (D-MA)**  Coons (D-DE) | **Became Public Law 11/3/2018**  Passed Senate 6/6/2018 |
| [National EMS Memorial Legislation Advances](https://www.nvfc.org/national-ems-memorial-legislation-advances/) | | | |
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| Firefighter Cancer Registry Act | **H.R. 931**  S. 382 | **Collins (R-NY)**  Menendez (D-NJ) | **Became Law 7/7/2018**  Reported by Committee 4/24/2018 |
| [Firefighter Cancer Registry Act Passes House, Goes to President](https://www.nvfc.org/firefighter-cancer-registry-act-passes-house-goes-to-president/) | | | |
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| Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act | H.R. 949  S. 597  **H.R. 1625** | Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)  Casey (D-PA)  **Royce (R-CA)** | Introduced 3/9/2017  Introduced 3/9/2017  **Became Law 3/23/2018** |
| [Congress Passes FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill with Increased Funding for Emergency Services](https://www.nvfc.org/congress-passes-fy-2018-omnibus-appropriations-bill-with-increased-funding-for-emergency-services/) | | | |
| Bill Description | Bill Description | Bill Number(s) | Sponsor |
| FY 2018 AFG/SAFER Appropriations | H.R. 3355  H.R. 3354  H.R. 1625 | Carter (R-TX)  Calvert (R-CA) Royce (R-CA) | Reported by Committee 7/21/2017  Passed House 9/14/2017  **Became Law 3/23/2018** |
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| FY 2018 USFA Appropriations | H.R. 3355  H.R. 3354  H.R. 1625 | Carter (R-TX)  Calvert (R-CA) Royce (R-CA) | Reported by Committee 7/21/2017  Passed House 9/14/2017  **Became Law 3/23/2018** |
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| FY 2018 VFA Appropriations | H.R. 3354  H.R. 1625 | Carter (R-TX) Royce (R-CA) | Passed House 9/14/2017  **Became Law 3/23/2018** |
| [Congress Passes FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill with Increased Funding for Emergency Services](https://www.nvfc.org/congress-passes-fy-2018-omnibus-appropriations-bill-with-increased-funding-for-emergency-services/) | | | |
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| Ambulance Transport Add-on Payments | H.R. 3729  S.967  H.R. 1892 | Nunes (R-CA)  Stabenow (D-MI)  Larson (D-CT) | Reported by Committee 12/21/2017  Introduced 4/27/2017  **Became Law 2/9/2018** |
| [New Federal Budget Law Includes Several Fire and EMS Provisions](https://www.nvfc.org/new-federal-budget-law-includes-several-fire-ems-provisions/) | | | |
| Bill Description | Bill Number(s) | Sponsor | Status |
| Honoring Hometown Heroes Act | H.R. 1892  S. 1108 | Larson (D-CT)  Tester (D-MT) | **Became Law 2/9/2018**  Introduced 5/11/2017 |
| [New Federal Budget Law Includes Several Fire and EMS Provisions](https://www.nvfc.org/new-federal-budget-law-includes-several-fire-ems-provisions/) | | | |
| Bill Description | Bill Number(s) | Sponsor | Status |
| AFG/SAFER Reauthorization | S. 829  H.R. 3881  H.R. 4661 | McCain (R-AZ)  Pascrell (D-NJ)  Comstock (R-VA) | Passed Senate 8/2/2017  Introduced 9/28/2017  **Became Law 1/3/2018** |
| [President Signs Reauthorization of AFG/SAFER/USFA Into Law](https://www.nvfc.org/president-signs-reauthorization-of-afg-safer-usfa-into-law/) | | | |
| Bill Description | Bill Number(s) | Sponsor | Status |
| LOSAP Cap Act | H.R. 1720  s. 1239  H.R. 1 | King (R-NY)  Collins (R-ME)  Brady (R-TX) | Introduced 3/24/2017  Introduced 5/25/2017  **Became Law 12/22/2017** |
| [Congress Passes Tax Reform Legislation Including NVFC-Supported Provisions](https://www.nvfc.org/final-version-of-tax-reform-legislation-includes-nvfc-supported-provisions/) | | | |
| Bill Description | Bill Number(s) | Sponsor | Status |
| Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act | H.R. 1481  S. 602  H.R. 1 | Reed (R-NY)  Collins (R-ME) Brady (R-TX) | Introduced 3/9/2017  Introduced 3/9/2017  **Became Law 12/22/2017** |
| [Congress Passes Tax Reform Legislation Including NVFC-Supported Provisions](https://www.nvfc.org/final-version-of-tax-reform-legislation-includes-nvfc-supported-provisions/) | | | |
| Bill Description | Bill Number(s) | Sponsor | Status |
| Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act | H.R. 304  S. 916 | Hudson (R-NC)  Cassidy (R-LA) | **Became Law 11/17/2017**  Passed Senate 5/23/2018 |
| [Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act Passes House, Goes to President](https://www.nvfc.org/protecting-patient-access-to-emergency-medications-act-passes-house-goes-to-president/) | | | |

## Not Enacted

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| FY 2019 AFG/SAFER Appropriations | | S. 3109  None Assigned | Capito (R-WV)  Not introduced | Reported by Committee 6/21/2018  Reported by Committee 7/25/2018 |
| [FY 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill Advances in the Senate](https://www.nvfc.org/fy-2019-homeland-security-appropriations-bill-advances-in-the-senate/) | | | | |
| Bill Description | | **Bill Number(s)** | **Sponsor** | **Status** |
| FY 2019 USFA Appropriations | | S. 3109  None Assigned | Capito (R-WV)  Not introduced | Reported by Committee 6/21/2018  Reported by Committee 7/25/2018 |
| [FY 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill Advances in the Senate](https://www.nvfc.org/fy-2019-homeland-security-appropriations-bill-advances-in-the-senate/) | | | | |
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| FY 2019 VFA Appropriations | | H.R. 6147  S. 3073 | Calvert (R-CA)  Murkowski (R-AK) | Passed House 7/19/2018  Passed Committee 6/14/2018 |
| [House and Senate Committees Pass FY 2019 Interior Appropriations Bills](https://www.nvfc.org/house-and-senate-committees-pass-fy-2019-interior-appropriations-bills/) | | | | |
| Bill Description | | **Bill Number(s)** | **Sponsor** | **Status** |
| Fire Police Fairness Act | | H.R. 3918  S. 2871 | Courtney (D-CT)  Blumenthal (D-CT) | Introduced 10/3/2017  Introduced 5/16/2018 |
| [Legislation Introduced Clarifying that Fire Police are Public Safety Officers](https://www.nvfc.org/legislation-introduced-clarifying-that-fire-police-are-public-safety-officers/) | | | | |
| Bill Description | | **Bill Number(s)** | **Sponsor** | **Status** |
| Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (VRIPA) | | H.R. 1550  S. 1238  H.R. 5282  S. 2526 | Reichert (R-WA)  Collins (R-ME)  Kelly (R-PA) Hatch (R-UT) | Introduced 3/15/2017  Introduced 5/25/2017  Introduced 3/14/2018  Introduced 3/8/2018 |
| [Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Bills Introduced in the Senate](https://www.nvfc.org/volunteer-recruitment-and-retention-bills-introduced-in-the-u-s-senate/)  [Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act Introduced in the House](https://www.nvfc.org/volunteer-responder-incentive-protection-act-introduced-in-the-house-of-representatives/) | | | | |
| Bill Description | Bill Number(s) | | Sponsor | Status |
| State Fire Assistance Grant Program Appropriations | H.R. 6147  S. 3073 | | Calvert (R-CA)  Murkowski (R-AK) | Passed House 7/19/2018  Passed Committee 6/14/2018 |
| [House and Senate Committees Pass FY 2019 Interior Appropriations Bills](https://www.nvfc.org/house-and-senate-committees-pass-fy-2019-interior-appropriations-bills/)  [NVFC Co-Signs Letter to Congress in Support of SFA and VFA Programs](http://www.stateforesters.org/news-events/blog/nasf-partners-write-house-leadership-critical-importance-state-volunteer-wildfire#sthash.cfZt46dG.390R33ON.dpbs) | | | | |
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| Help Encourage a Lifetime of Public Service (HELPS) Act | S. 3124 | | Heitkamp (D-ND) | Introduced 6/25/2018 |
| [Senate Bill Introduced to Give Volunteer Emergency Responders Student Debt Relief](https://www.nvfc.org/senate-bill-introduced-to-give-volunteer-emergency-responders-student-debt-relief/) | | | | |
| Bill Description | Bill Number(s) | | Sponsor | Status |
| Volunteer First Responder Loan Forgiveness Act | S. 2207 | | Tester (D-MT) | Introduced 12/7/2017 |
| [Senate Bill Introduced to Make Volunteers Eligible for Federal Student Loan Forgiveness Program](https://www.nvfc.org/senate-bill-introduced-to-make-volunteers-eligible-for-federal-student-loan-forgiveness-program/) | | | | |
| Bill Description | Bill Number(s) | | Sponsor | Status |
| Volunteer First Responder Housing Act | S. 1831 | | Heitkamp (D-ND) | Introduced 9/19/2017 |
| [Volunteer First Responder Housing Act Introduced in Senate](https://www.nvfc.org/volunteer-first-responder-housing-act-introduced-in-senate/) | | | | |
| Bill Description | Bill Number(s) | | Sponsor | Status |
| Thin Blue Line Act | H.R. 115  S. 1085 | | Buchanan (R-FL)  Toomey (R-PA) | Passed House 5/18/2017  Introduced 5/10/2017 |
| [House of Representatives Passes the Thin Blue Line Act](https://www.nvfc.org/house-of-representatives-passes-the-thin-blue-line-act/) | | | | |
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| Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act | H.R. 1991 | | Barletta (R-PA) | Introduced 4/6/2017 |
| [Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act Introduced in the House](https://www.nvfc.org/protecting-volunteer-firefighters-and-emergency-responders-act-introduced-in-the-house/) | | | | |

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