

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.

## enacted

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| Bill Description | Bill Number(s) | Sponsor | Status |
| SIREN Act  | H.R. 5429S. 2830 **H.R. 2** | Gianforte (R-MT)Durbin (D-IL) **Conway (R-TX)** | Introduced 4/5/2018Introduced 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. 949S. 597**H.R. 1625**  | Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)Casey (D-PA)**Royce (R-CA)** | Introduced 3/9/2017Introduced 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/) |
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| FY 2018 AFG/SAFER Appropriations | H.R. 3355H.R. 3354H.R. 1625  | Carter (R-TX)Calvert (R-CA)Royce (R-CA) | Reported by Committee 7/21/2017Passed House 9/14/2017**Became Law 3/23/2018** |
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| FY 2018 USFA Appropriations  | H.R. 3355 H.R. 3354H.R. 1625 | Carter (R-TX)Calvert (R-CA)Royce (R-CA) | Reported by Committee 7/21/2017Passed House 9/14/2017**Became Law 3/23/2018** |
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| FY 2018 VFA Appropriations | H.R. 3354H.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. 3729S.967H.R. 1892  | Nunes (R-CA)Stabenow (D-MI)Larson (D-CT) | Reported by Committee 12/21/2017Introduced 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. 1892S. 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/) |
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| AFG/SAFER Reauthorization  | S. 829H.R. 3881H.R. 4661  | McCain (R-AZ)Pascrell (D-NJ) Comstock (R-VA) | Passed Senate 8/2/2017Introduced 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. 1720s. 1239H.R. 1 | King (R-NY)Collins (R-ME)Brady (R-TX) | Introduced 3/24/2017Introduced 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. 1481S. 602H.R. 1  | Reed (R-NY)Collins (R-ME)Brady (R-TX) | Introduced 3/9/2017Introduced 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/) |
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| Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act  | H.R. 304S. 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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| Bill Description | Bill Number(s) | Sponsor | Status |
| FY 2019 AFG/SAFER Appropriations | S. 3109 None Assigned  | Capito (R-WV) Not introduced  | Reported by Committee 6/21/2018Reported 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 USFA Appropriations | S. 3109None Assigned | Capito (R-WV) Not introduced | Reported by Committee 6/21/2018Reported 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. 6147S. 3073 | Calvert (R-CA)Murkowski (R-AK) | Passed House 7/19/2018Passed 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. 3918S. 2871 | Courtney (D-CT)Blumenthal (D-CT) | Introduced 10/3/2017Introduced 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. 1550S. 1238H.R. 5282S. 2526 | Reichert (R-WA)Collins (R-ME)Kelly (R-PA)Hatch (R-UT) | Introduced 3/15/2017Introduced 5/25/2017Introduced 3/14/2018Introduced 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. 6147S. 3073  | Calvert (R-CA)Murkowski (R-AK) | Passed House 7/19/2018Passed 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. 115S. 1085  | Buchanan (R-FL)Toomey (R-PA)  | Passed House 5/18/2017Introduced 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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