

Update: Ropes and Components  
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From Jerry Marinich, Legislative Assistant to Senator Thomas Libous

Senator Libous' office has been researching your concerns regarding the Ropes and Components Bill. As of this writing his staff has checked with the author of the bill and has this to report:

The bill does cover all volunteer firefighters

The New York State Department of Labor (DOL) will be the regulatory agency.

The DOL has yet to determine the rules and regulations. Once the DOL has established the Rules and Regulations, there will be a Public Notification for comments and concerns.

There are still many questions to be answered. While we wait for the DOL to establish the Rules and Regulations, you should still proceed with getting quotes on equipping your Firefighters.

The safety of all firefighters is a concern as we continue to monitor the progress of this legislation. As soon as information becomes available we will pass it along.