

PLEASE contact your Iowa Senator and the Senate leadership (Jack Whitver and Jake Chapman) ASAP and ask them to respectfully move HF 2574 the Length of Service bill for Iowa's volunteer firefighters.

You can find your SENATOR at: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

Their email address is: firstname.lastname@legis.iowa.gov

IT IS BEST IF YOU CAN TEXT THEM AT THEIR CELL PHONE. Some legislators have posted their cell numbers.

Let us know if you get any response.

Talking Points:

- *This legislation will be paid for by lottery funds
- *The Dept of Revenue has agreed to be the State's fiscal agent
- *Cities will match funds
- *Many, many other states offer this benefit to their volunteer firefighters
- *Please support your local volunteer firefighters by passing this legislation
- *Thank them for their support!

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Bill attached here:

House File 2574 - Reprinted

HOUSE FILE 2574

BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 750)

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 197)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 30, 2022)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing length of service award programs for
2 volunteer fire fighters, volunteer emergency medical
3 care providers, and reserve peace officers, and making
4 appropriations.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 99G.39, Code 2022, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. One million dollars in lottery revenues
4 shall be transferred each fiscal year to the length of service
5 award program grant fund created in section 100B.52 prior to
6 deposit of the lottery revenues in the general fund pursuant
7 to section 99G.40.

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 100B.51 **Length of service award**
9 **programs — authorization.**

10 The governing body of a municipality, as defined in section
11 100B.21, is authorized to establish a length of service award
12 program for volunteer fire fighters as defined in section
13 85.61, emergency medical care providers as defined in section
14 147A.1 who are volunteers, and reserve peace officers as
15 defined in section 80D.1A. The program shall provide length
16 of service awards, as described in section 457(e)(11) of the
17 Internal Revenue Code, to volunteer fire fighters, volunteer
18 emergency medical care providers, and reserve peace officers
19 serving a municipality that elects to establish a program. The
20 program shall be designed to treat awards from the program as
21 a tax-deferred benefit under the Internal Revenue Code. The
22 governing body of the municipality shall, in consultation with
23 the chief or other person in command of the fire department
24 and police department serving the municipality, as applicable,
25 adopt guidelines providing for eligibility requirements for
26 participation by volunteer fire fighters, volunteer emergency
27 medical care providers, and reserve peace officers, minimum
28 vesting requirements, distribution requirements, and such other
29 guidelines as deemed necessary to operate the program.

30 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 100B.52 **Length of service award**
31 **program grant fund — appropriation.**

32 1. A length of service award program grant fund is created
33 in the state treasury under the control of the department of
34 revenue. The fund shall consist of all moneys appropriated to
35 the fund.

1 2. Moneys in the length of service award program grant fund
2 are appropriated to the department of revenue for the purpose
3 of providing grants to municipalities that have established
4 a length of service award program as described in section
5 100B.51 to provide contributions to the program on behalf
6 of participants in the program. The department of revenue
7 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A establishing a grant
8 application process. The grant process shall provide for up to
9 a dollar-for-dollar funding match from a municipality that has
10 established a length of service award program.

11 3. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
12 earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be credited to
13 the fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys credited to the
14 fund shall not revert at the close of a fiscal year.