

ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 377

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 19, 2023

The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 377.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 377 exempts experienced firefighters from certain requirements. Specifically, under the provisions of this bill, a fire department, whether paid, part-paid, or volunteer, is not to prohibit a firefighter who has five or more years of experience in fire suppression, firefighting, or fire rescue from engaging in these activities solely on the basis that the firefighter is uncertified or does not meet any requirement that is not imposed pursuant to statute, rule, or regulation.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.