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Rep. Orange Leads Debate to Support Tax Credit for Retired Volunteer Emergency Personnel

State Representative **Linda Orange** (D-Colchester, Lebanon, Windham and Mansfield) led the House of Representatives debate of [legislation](#) to extend the option of a discretionary municipal tax credit for retired volunteer emergency personnel.

“This is a terrific tax abatement program to reward volunteers for long-term service to their community,” Rep. Orange said. “This is not a mandate on towns; this tax credit is at the discretion of each municipality.”

The bill extends an optional municipal property tax relief program for certain volunteer public safety personnel, to retired volunteer firefighters, paramedics, EMTs and other retired public safety volunteers with at least 25 years of service.

Current laws allow a town's legislative body to provide, by ordinance, property tax relief to active volunteer public safety personnel. Colchester currently offers this credit.