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Senator Mannion Announces Fee Waiver For Civil Service Exams Starts on July 1st

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Senator Mannion encourages job seekers to pursue public service careers in New York State government by taking civil service exams

SYRACUSE, NY – Senator John W. Mannion today announced the fee waiver for all state civil service exams takes effect on July 1st. As a strong supporter of the state workforce, Senator Mannion voted to include the fee waiver in the enacted state budget as a way to address critical needs and encourage job seekers to take exams and pursue public service careers.

“Waiving the fee for civil service exams removes a real barrier for job seekers who want to pursue multiple opportunities in state government. I encourage anyone looking for a job to consider a rewarding career in public service and to take advantage of the fee waiver by taking exams for the many positions currently available.”

Before the fee waiver went into effect, it could cost \$20-\$40 per exam. With many exams now catered to specific positions, this will allow candidates to take many exams for positions they are suited for at no cost. The fee waiver covers all state and some city and county exams (subject to local approval) and is scheduled to continue until the end of 2025.

The exam schedule and additional Department of Civil Service information is available online at www.cs.ny.gov.

Constituents needing assistance or have questions about civil service exams and jobs in state government are encouraged to contact Senator Mannion's office at 315-428-7632.

Wayne Spence, President of PEF, said, "The New York State Public Employees Federation (PEF) applauds every effort to make finding and securing a State job more efficient. Senator Mannion recognizes that nothing is more important than recruiting quality public servants and this fee waiver will help the State identify and hire qualified candidates. New York needs to do everything it can to address staffing shortages across multiple agencies, so that its citizens can access all the quality public services PEF members provide."

Mary E. Sullivan, President, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) said, "Waiving civil service exam fees is a good first step to strengthening the public sector workforce. By breaking down these financial barriers, the state can reach a larger and more diverse pool of potential applicants and connect them with good paying jobs that will help ensure New Yorkers have continued access to the public services they need."

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