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AN ACT to amend the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, in relation to the payment of death benefits

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The volunteer firefighters' benefit law is amended by adding a new section 7-b to read as follows:

S 7-B. PAYMENT OF DEATH BENEFITS. 1. ALL DEATH BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER SECTION SEVEN OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE PAID TO THE PERSON OR PERSONS ENTITLED TO SUCH BENEFIT WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE DATE SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS FILES AN APPLICATION WITH THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD TO RECEIVE SUCH BENEFIT.

2. THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD SHALL CONDUCT OUTREACH SERVICES TO PROVIDE COORDINATED INFORMATION TO THE PERSON OR PERSONS ENTITLED TO A DEATH BENEFIT PAYABLE UNDER SECTION SEVEN OF THIS ARTICLE REGARDING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO HELP SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS WITH THE DEATH BENEFIT PROGRAM'S APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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