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## IN ASSEMBLY

January 10, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. MORINELLO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend chapter 19 of the laws of 1985 creating the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association of Upper Mountain, Inc., and providing for its powers and duties, in relation to its purpose and the use of foreign fire insurance premium taxes

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Sections 3 and 7 of chapter 19 of the laws of 1985 creating the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association of Upper Mountain, Inc., and providing for its powers and duties are amended to read as follows:

5 § 3. Purposes. The purposes of such corporation shall be the maintenance of suitable headquarters for, and the promotion of friendly association for the betterment of the members of such corporation and their relations with the community, for the promotion of fraternal intercourse among the members of such corporation, to study and disseminate among 10 the members of such corporation the most efficient manner of fighting 11 fires, the relief, aid and assistance of such members and their families who are <u>injured</u>, disabled or indigent, to promote and safeguard the 13 welfare of the volunteer members of the corporation, and their families; 14 to provide for the health and safety of the volunteer members of the 15 corporation; and to enhance the morale of the volunteer members of the 16 corporation by providing social and recreational activities for the volunteer members of the corporation and the promotion of the volunteer 17 fire service within the territory protected by such fire department of 18 19 the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association of Upper Moun-20 tain, Inc., and to acquire real and personal property such as may be 21 necessary for the purposes herein set forth and the promotion of the 22 welfare of the volunteer fire service within the territory now served or 23 which may hereafter be served by the Upper Mountain Volunteer Fire 24 Company.

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§ 7. Precept for payment of foreign fire insurance premium taxes. Such corporation shall collect and there shall be paid to it all taxes imposed by section nine thousand one hundred four of the insurance law for fire department use and benefit upon premiums for insurance against loss or damage by fire covering property within the territory protected by Upper Mountain Volunteer Fire Company within the town of Lewiston 7 located in Niagara county, New York. The officers of said corporation designated by its by-laws to collect and receive the aforesaid tax shall 9 have all the powers and be subject to all the provisions of the insur-10 ance law, relating to treasurers of fire departments. Such corporation 11 shall also be entitled to receive a share of the tax distributed pursuant to the provisions of section nine thousand one hundred five of the 13 insurance law, based upon the business written in the territory with 14 respect to which it is entitled to collect and receive the tax under 15 section nine thousand one hundred four of the insurance law. Such taxes shall only be used [for the care and relief of disabled or indigent 16 17 volunteer and exempt volunteer firemen and their families ] by the corpo-18 ration in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in section three of 19 this act.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to taxes 21 due on premiums received on and after January 1, 2023.