STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 25, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. MORINELLO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend chapter 658 of the laws of 1978 relating to incorporation of the Lewiston No. 1 Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association, 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. Section 3 of chapter 658 of the laws of 1978 relating to incorporation of the Lewiston No. 1 Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association, is amended to read as follows:

4 § 3. Purposes. The purposes of such corporation shall be the maintenance of suitable headquarters for, and the promotion of friendly asso-5 б ciation for the betterment of the members of such corporation and their 7 relations with the community, for the promotion of fraternal intercourse 8 among the members of such corporation, to study and disseminate among 9 the members of such corporation the most efficient manner of fighting 10 fires and the relief, aid and assistance of such members and their 11 families who are injured, disabled or indigent, to promote and safeguard 12 the welfare of the volunteer members of the corporation, and their fami-13 lies; to provide for the health and safety of the volunteer members of 14 the corporation; and to enhance the morale of the volunteer members of 15 the corporation by providing social and recreational activities for the volunteer members of the corporation, and the promotion of the volunteer 16 fire service within the territory protected by such fire department of 17 18 the Lewiston No. 1 Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Associ-19 ation, and to acquire real and personal property such as may be neces-20 sary for the purposes herein set forth and the promotion of the welfare 21 of the volunteer fire service within the territory now served or which 22 may hereafter be served by the Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 of the 23 village of Lewiston, New York, Inc.

EXPLANATION--Matter in <u>italics</u> (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 § 2. Section 7 of chapter 658 of the laws of 1978 relating to incorpo-2 ration of the Lewiston No. 1 Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent 3 Association, as amended by chapter 22 of the laws of 1985, is amended 4 to read as follows:

5 § 7. Precept for payment of foreign fire insurance premium taxes. Such 6 corporation shall collect and there shall be paid to it all taxes 7 imposed by section nine thousand one hundred four of the insurance law 8 for fire department use and benefit upon premiums for insurance against loss or damage by fire covering property within the territory protected 9 10 by Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 of the village of Lewiston, New York, 11 Inc., located in the town of Lewiston, Niagara county, New York. The 12 officers of said corporation designated by its by-laws to collect and receive the aforesaid tax shall have all the powers and be subject to 13 14 all the provisions of the insurance law, relating to treasurers of fire 15 departments. Such corporation shall also be entitled to receive a share of the tax imposed by section nine thousand one hundred five of the 16 17 insurance law, based upon the business written in the territory with respect to which it is entitled to collect and receive the tax under 18 section nine thousand one hundred four of the insurance law. Such taxes 19 shall only be used [for the care and relief of disabled or indigent 20 21 volunteer and exempt volunteer firemen and their families] by the corpo-22 ration in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in section three of 23 this act.

24 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to taxes 25 due on premiums received on and after January 1, 2024.