

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the Nassau county civil divisions act, in relation to the Volunteer and Exempt Firefighter's Benevolent Association of Bethpage, Nassau county, New York, Inc.

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

1 Section 1. Sections 629.0, 629.1 and 629.6 of chapter 273 of the laws  
2 of 1939, constituting the Nassau county civil divisions act, as added by  
3 chapter 71 of the laws of 1940, are amended to read as follows:

4 § 629.0 Incorporation; membership. A membership corporation by the  
5 name of "Volunteer and Exempt [~~Firemen's~~] Firefighter's Benevolent Asso-  
6 ciation of Bethpage, Nassau county, New York, Inc." is hereby created.  
7 It shall be composed of such persons eligible for membership therein as  
8 hereinafter provided as shall (a) notify the secretary of the Bethpage  
9 fire department in writing prior to the organization meeting of such  
10 corporation hereinafter provided for of their desire to become members,  
11 or

12 (b) shall attend such meeting or an adjournment thereof and signify  
13 their intention of becoming members at such meeting, or

14 (c) shall notify the secretary of the corporation hereby created in  
15 writing within sixty days after [~~his~~] such secretary's election of their  
16 desire to become members thereof, and also such persons so eligible as  
17 may become members of such corporation pursuant to its by-laws.

18 § 629.1 Persons eligible to membership. All persons who are now, or  
19 who have been, or who hereafter shall be active volunteer members of the  
20 Bethpage fire department, and who have heretofore acquired or shall  
21 hereafter acquire the status of exempt volunteer [~~firemen~~] firefighters  
22 as defined in section two hundred of the general municipal law or any  
23 other applicable law by virtue of having rendered service in the Beth-  
24 page fire department, and all persons who are now active volunteer  
25 members of the Bethpage fire department shall be eligible for membership  
26 in the corporation created by this act, except that any [~~fireman~~] fire-  
27 fighter who has been removed for cause, expelled or dropped from the

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

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1 rolls of any fire company or department, and who has not been reinstated  
2 therein, shall not be eligible for membership in such corporation. The  
3 membership of any person in such corporation shall terminate upon the  
4 withdrawal of such person as an active volunteer member of the Bethpage  
5 fire department prior to the actual performance by such person of five  
6 years service as an active volunteer member of the Bethpage fire depart-  
7 ment.

8 § 629.6 Precept for payment of foreign fire insurance premium taxes.  
9 Such corporation shall collect and there shall be paid to it all tax  
10 imposed by section [~~five hundred and fifty-three~~] 9104 of the insurance  
11 law, for fire department use and benefit, upon premiums for insurance  
12 against loss or damage by fire covering property situated within the  
13 Bethpage fire district of the town of Oyster Bay, Nassau county, New  
14 York, and within any duly organized territory in which the Bethpage fire  
15 department may be obligated to render fire protection. The officer of  
16 said corporation designated by its by-laws to collect and receive the  
17 aforesaid tax shall have the same powers as provided by law for the  
18 treasurer of a fire department with respect to such collection and  
19 receipt. Such corporation shall also be entitled to receive a share of  
20 the tax imposed by section [~~five hundred and fifty-four~~] 9104 of the  
21 insurance law, based upon the business written in the territory with  
22 respect to which it is entitled to collect and receive the tax under  
23 section [~~five hundred and fifty-three~~] 9104 of the insurance law. Such  
24 taxes shall only be used [~~for the care and relief of disabled or indi-~~  
25 ~~gent volunteer and exempt firemen and their families~~] by the corporation  
26 in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in section 629.2 of this  
27 article.

28 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.