

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

April 30, 2026

Introduced by Sen. PALUMBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend chapter 492 of the laws of 1981, relating to incorporating the Sag Harbor Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association, Inc., and providing for its powers and duties, in relation to making technical corrections therefor

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

1 Section 1. Sections 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 of chapter 492 of the laws of  
2 1981 relating to incorporating the Sag Harbor Volunteer Exempt Firemen's  
3 Benevolent Association, Inc., and providing for its powers and duties,  
4 are amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1. Incorporation; membership. A not-for-profit corporation by  
6 the name of "Sag Harbor Volunteer Exempt [~~Firemen's~~] Firefighter's  
7 Benevolent Association, Inc." is hereby created. It shall be composed of  
8 such persons eligible to membership therein as hereinafter provided as  
9 shall:

10 (a) notify the secretary of the Sag Harbor Fire Department, a volun-  
11 teer fire department, in writing prior to the organization meeting here-  
12 inafter provided for of the corporation created by this act of their  
13 desire to become members, or

14 (b) shall attend such meeting or an adjournment thereof, and also such  
15 persons so eligible as may thereafter become members of such corporation  
16 pursuant to its by-laws.

17 § 2. Persons eligible to membership. All persons who are now, or have  
18 been, or hereafter shall be active volunteer members of the fire depart-  
19 ment of the village of Sag Harbor, in the towns of Southampton/East  
20 Hampton, or of any fire company in such village and who have acquired or  
21 shall hereafter acquire the status of exempt volunteer [~~firemen~~] fire-  
22 fighter as defined in section two hundred of the general municipal law  
23 by virtue of having rendered service in such fire department or fire  
24 company, and all persons who are now or hereafter shall be active volun-  
25 teer members of such fire department, shall be eligible for membership  
26 in the corporation created by this act, except that any [~~fireman~~] fire-

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

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1 fighter who has been removed for cause, expelled or dropped from the  
2 rolls of any fire company or fire department, and who has not been rein-  
3 stated therein, shall not be eligible for membership in such corpo-  
4 ration. The membership of any person in such corporation shall terminate  
5 when [~~his~~] such person's membership as an active volunteer member of the  
6 fire department of the village of Sag Harbor shall terminate before such  
7 person shall have acquired the status of exempt [~~fireman~~] firefighter as  
8 defined in section two hundred of the general municipal law by virtue of  
9 having rendered service in such fire department.

10 § 3. Purposes. The purposes of such corporation shall be the mainte-  
11 nance of suitable headquarters for, and the promotion of fraternal  
12 intercourse among the members of such corporation, the relief, aid and  
13 [~~assitance~~] assistance of volunteer [~~firemen~~] firefighters and their  
14 families who are disabled or indigent, and the promotion of the welfare  
15 of the volunteer fire service.

16 § 5. Organization meeting; by-laws. The secretary of the Sag Harbor  
17 Fire Department shall call a meeting for the organization of such corpo-  
18 ration to be held not later than three months after this act takes  
19 effect, notice of which shall be given [~~by him~~] by posting or causing to  
20 be posted a notice thereof in five conspicuous places within the terri-  
21 tory protected by the Sag Harbor Fire Department and also by publication  
22 of notice thereof in one or more newspapers having a general circulation  
23 within such territory, and such posting and publication shall be  
24 effected at least ten days prior to the date of such meeting. At such  
25 meeting or any adjournment thereof the members of such corporation pres-  
26 ent shall adopt by-laws and elect officers and trustees to serve until  
27 the first annual meeting which shall be held on a date to be fixed by  
28 the by-laws. Any member failing to comply with the by-laws, rules or  
29 regulations duly adopted by such corporation shall be subject to suspen-  
30 sion and expulsion in such manner as may be provided for in such  
31 by-laws. Any member who ceases to be such, voluntarily or otherwise,  
32 shall forfeit all interest in the property of such corporation.

33 § 7. Precept for payment of foreign fire insurance premium taxes.  
34 Such corporation shall collect and there shall be paid to it all taxes  
35 imposed by section [~~five hundred fifty three~~] nine thousand one hundred  
36 four of the insurance law for fire department use and benefit, upon  
37 premiums for insurance against loss or damage by fire covering property  
38 situated in the village of Sag Harbor, in the towns of Southampton/East  
39 Hampton, county of Suffolk or within any duly organized territory in  
40 which the village is or may be obligated to render fire protection. The  
41 officer of said corporation designated by its by-laws to collect and  
42 receive the aforesaid tax shall have all the powers and be subject to  
43 all the provisions of the insurance law, relating to treasurers of fire  
44 departments. Such corporation shall also be entitled to receive a share  
45 of the tax imposed by section [~~five hundred fifty four~~] nine thousand  
46 one hundred five of the insurance law, based upon the business written  
47 in the territory with respect to which it is entitled to collect and  
48 receive the tax under section [~~five hundred fifty three~~] nine thousand  
49 one hundred four of the insurance law. Such taxes shall only be used  
50 [~~for the care and relief of disabled or indigent volunteer and exempt~~  
51 ~~volunteer firemen and their families~~] by the corporation in furtherance  
52 of its purposes as set forth in section three of this act.

53 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
54 the amendments to section 7 of chapter 492 of the laws of 1981 made by  
55 section one of this act shall apply to taxes due on premiums received on  
56 or after January 1, 2027.