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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the not-for-profit corporation law, in relation to expanding the purposes of certain firefighter's benevolent associations

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

Section 1. The not-for-profit corporation law is amended by adding a new section 206 to read as follows:

§ 206. Expansion of purpose; certain firefighter's benevolent associations.

An incorporated firefighter's benevolent association created by act of the legislature may include the following in the purposes of such association without an additional act of the legislature:

(a) to promote friendly association for the betterment of the members of the corporation;

(b) to promote relations between the members of the corporation and the local community;

(c) to provide relief, aid and assistance to those members and their families who are injured, disabled or indigent;

(d) to provide for the health and safety of the members of the corporation;

(e) to maintain suitable headquarters for the members of the corporation;

(f) to acquire real and personal property such as may be necessary for the purposes set forth in this section;

(g) to study and disseminate among the members of the corporation the most efficient manner of fighting fires; and

(h) to promote the volunteer fire service within the territory now served or which may hereafter be served by the fire department associated with such corporation.

§ 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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