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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend chapter 260 of the laws of 1969, relating to incorporating the Pound Ridge Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association and providing for its powers and duties, in relation to updating such association's charter

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

1 Section 1. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 of chapter 260 of the laws of
2 1969, relating to incorporating the Pound Ridge Volunteer Exempt Fire-
3 men's Benevolent Association and providing for its powers and duties, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1. Incorporation: membership. A membership corporation by the
6 name of "Pound Ridge Volunteer Exempt [~~Firemen's~~ **Firefighters'** Benevo-
7 lent Association" is hereby created. It shall be composed of such
8 persons eligible to membership therein as hereinafter provided as shall
9 (a) notify the secretary of the Pound Ridge Fire Department, Inc., a
10 volunteer fire department, in writing prior to the organization meeting
11 of such corporation hereinafter provided for of their desire to become
12 members, or (b) shall attend such meeting or an adjournment thereof, and
13 also such persons so eligible as may thereafter become members of such
14 corporation pursuant to its by-laws.

15 § 2. Persons eligible to membership. All persons who are now, or have
16 been, or hereafter shall be active volunteer members of the fire depart-
17 ment of the Pound Ridge Fire District, in the Town of Pound Ridge, Coun-
18 ty of Westchester, or of any fire corporation in such Fire District, and
19 who have acquired or shall hereafter acquire the status of exempt volun-
20 teer [~~firemen~~ **firefighter** as defined in section two hundred of the
21 general municipal law by virtue of having rendered service in such fire
22 department or fire corporation, and all persons who are now or hereafter
23 shall be active volunteer members of such fire department, shall be
24 eligible for membership in the corporation created by this act, except
25 that any [~~fireman~~ **firefighter** who has been removed for cause, expelled
26 or dropped from the rolls of any fire company or fire department, and

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

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1 who has not been reinstated therein, shall not be eligible for member-
2 ship in such corporation. The membership of any person in such corpo-
3 ration shall terminate when [~~his~~] their membership as an active volun-
4 teer member of the fire department of the Pound Ridge Fire District
5 shall terminate before such person shall have acquired the status of
6 exempt volunteer [~~fireman~~] firefighter as defined in section two hundred
7 of the general municipal law by virtue of having rendered service in
8 such fire department.

9 § 3. Purposes and duty of the association. The purposes of such corpo-
10 ration shall be [~~the maintenance of~~]; (a) to maintain a suitable head-
11 quarters for[~~, and the promotion of fraternal intercourse among~~] the
12 members of such corporation[~~, the~~]; (b) to provide relief, aid and
13 assistance [~~of~~] to such members [~~and their families~~] who are disabled or
14 indigent, or injured in the performance of such member's duties, and
15 such members' families; (c) to promote and safeguard the welfare of
16 the volunteer members of such corporation, and such members' families;
17 (d) to provide for the health and safety of the volunteer members of the
18 corporation; (e) to enhance the morale of the volunteer members of such
19 corporation by providing social and recreational activities for the
20 volunteer members of such corporation; and (f) the promotion of [~~the~~
21 ~~welfare of~~] the volunteer fire service within the Pound Ridge Fire
22 District and territory provided with fire protection by contract with
23 such Fire District.

24 § 4. Powers and duties. Such corporation shall have all of the powers
25 of a membership corporation, and the provisions of law relating to
26 membership corporations shall apply to such corporation except where
27 they conflict with the provisions of this act. [~~However, unless written~~
28 ~~approval of the state board of social welfare shall have first been~~
29 ~~obtained this corporation shall not establish and maintain any home or~~
30 ~~institution which, if separately incorporated, would require the~~
31 ~~approval of such board.~~]

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

53 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided however, that
54 the amendments to section 7 of chapter 260 of the laws of 1969 made by
55 section one of this act shall apply to taxes due on premiums received on
56 and after January 1, 2026.