STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 5, 2026

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

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:

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

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

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

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

§ 629.1 Persons eligible to membership. All persons who are now, or who have been, or who hereafter shall be active volunteer members of the Bethpage fire department, and who have heretofore acquired or shall hereafter acquire the status of exempt volunteer [~~firemen~~] firefighters as defined in section two hundred of the general municipal law or any other applicable law by virtue of having rendered service in the Bethpage fire department, and all persons who are now active volunteer members of the Bethpage fire department shall be eligible for membership in the corporation created by this act, except that any [~~fireman~~] firefighter 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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rolls of any fire company or department, and who has not been reinstated therein, shall not be eligible for membership in such corporation. The membership of any person in such corporation shall terminate upon the withdrawal of such person as an active volunteer member of the Bethpage fire department prior to the actual performance by such person of five years service as an active volunteer member of the Bethpage fire department.

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.