STATE OF NEW YORK

5994

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 4, 2025

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:

Section 1. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 of 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, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation: membership. A membership corporation by the name of "Pound Ridge Volunteer Exempt [~~Firemen's~~] Firefighters' Benevolent Association" is hereby created. It shall be composed of such persons eligible to membership therein as hereinafter provided as shall (a) notify the secretary of the Pound Ridge Fire Department, Inc., a volunteer 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 also such persons so eligible as may thereafter become members of such corporation pursuant to its by-laws.

§ 2. Persons eligible to membership. All persons who are now, or have been, or hereafter shall be active volunteer members of the fire department of the Pound Ridge Fire District, in the Town of Pound Ridge, County of Westchester, or of any fire corporation in such Fire District, and who have acquired or shall hereafter acquire the status of exempt volunteer [~~firemen~~] firefighter as defined in section two hundred of the general municipal law by virtue of having rendered service in such fire department or fire corporation, and all persons who are now or hereafter shall be active volunteer members of such 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 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.

LBD10373-01-5

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 when [~~his~~] their membership as an active volunteer member of the fire department of the Pound Ridge Fire District shall terminate before such person shall have acquired the status of exempt volunteer [~~fireman~~] firefighter as defined in section two hundred of the general municipal law by virtue of having rendered service in such fire department.

§ 3. Purposes and duty of the association. The purposes of such corporation shall be [~~the maintenance of~~]: (a) to maintain a suitable headquarters for[~~, and the promotion of fraternal intercourse among~~] the members of such corporation[~~, the~~]; (b) to provide relief, aid and assistance [~~of~~] to such members [~~and their families~~] who are disabled or indigent, or injured in the performance of such member's duties, and such members' families; (c) to promote and safeguard the welfare of the volunteer members of such corporation, and such members' families; (d) to provide for the health and safety of the volunteer members of the corporation; (e) to enhance the morale of the volunteer members of such corporation by providing social and recreational activities for the volunteer members of such corporation; and (f) the promotion of [~~the welfare of~~] the volunteer fire service within the Pound Ridge Fire District and territory provided with fire protection by contract with such Fire District.

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

§ 7. Precept for payment of foreign fire insurance premium taxes. Such corporation shall collect and there shall be paid to it all taxes imposed by section [~~five hundred fifty-three~~] nine thousand one hundred four of the insurance law for fire department use and benefit, upon premiums for insurance against loss or damage by fire covering property situated in the Pound Ridge Fire District, in the town of Pound Ridge, county of Westchester, or within any duly organized territory in which the Pound Ridge Fire Department, Inc. is or 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 all the powers and be subject to all the provisions of the insurance law, relating to treasurers of fire departments. Such corporation shall also be entitled to receive a share of the tax imposed by section [~~five hundred fifty-four~~] nine thousand one hundred five 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 fifty-three~~] nine thousand one hundred four of the insurance law. Such taxes shall only be used [~~for the care and relief of disabled or indigent volunteer and exempt volunteer firemen and their families~~] by the corporation in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in section three of this act.

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