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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend chapter 45 of the laws of 1963 relating to incorporating the Bohemia Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association, and providing for its powers and duties, in relation to the use of certain moneys received by such benevolent association and modernization of certain language

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

1 Section 1. Sections 1, 2, 6 and 7 of chapter 45 of the laws of 1963
2 relating to incorporating the Bohemia Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent
3 Association, and providing for its powers and duties, are amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Section 1. Incorporation; membership. A membership corporation by the
6 name of "Bohemia Volunteer [~~Firemen's~~ Firefighter's Benevolent Associ-
7 ation" is hereby created. It shall be composed of such persons eligible
8 to membership therein as hereinafter provided as shall (a) notify the
9 secretary of the Bohemia volunteer fire department in writing prior to
10 the organization meeting of such corporation hereinafter provided for of
11 their desire to become members, or (b) shall attend such meeting or an
12 adjournment thereof, and also such persons so eligible as may become
13 members of such corporation pursuant to its by-laws.

14 § 2. Persons eligible to membership. All persons who are now, or who
15 have been, or who hereafter shall be active volunteer members of the
16 Bohemia volunteer fire department, or of any fire corporation in the
17 Bohemia fire district, and who have heretofore acquired or shall here-
18 after acquire the status of exempt volunteer [~~firemen~~ firefighter as
19 defined in section two hundred of the general municipal law or any other
20 applicable law by virtue of having rendered service in the Bohemia
21 volunteer fire department, or of any fire corporation in the Bohemia
22 fire district, and all persons who are active volunteer members of the

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

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1 Bohemia volunteer fire department shall be eligible for membership in
2 the corporation created by this act, except that any [~~fireman~~ fire-
3 fighter] who has been removed for cause, expelled or dropped from the
4 rolls of any fire company or department, and who has not been reinstated
5 therein, shall not be eligible for membership in such corporation. The
6 membership of any person in such corporation shall terminate upon the
7 withdrawal of such person as an active volunteer member of the Bohemia
8 volunteer fire department prior to the actual performance by such person
9 of five years service as an active volunteer member of the Bohemia
10 volunteer fire department. Whenever a member who is not an exempt [~~fire-~~
11 ~~man~~] firefighter as defined by section two hundred of the general munic-
12 ipal law shall move from such fire district or from territory provided
13 with fire protection as aforesaid or if the territory in which a member
14 resides shall no longer be provided with such fire protection, [~~his~~]
15 such member's membership in such corporation shall cease.

16 § 6. Control and disposal of funds and property. The control and
17 disposal of the funds, property and estate of the said association, the
18 exercise of its powers, and the management and control of its affairs
19 shall be vested in and exercised by a board of trustees which shall
20 consist of [~~five~~] eight members of such corporation; viz.: the presi-
21 dent, the vice-president, the secretary, the treasurer and [~~one~~] four
22 other [~~member~~] members having the title of trustee. Such officers and
23 trustees shall be elected at the annual meeting of such corporation in
24 the manner prescribed by its by-laws.

25 § 7. Precept for payment of foreign fire insurance premium taxes. Such
26 corporation shall collect and there shall be paid to it all taxes
27 imposed by section [~~five hundred fifty three~~] nine thousand one hundred
28 four of the insurance law, for fire department use and benefit, upon
29 premiums for insurance against loss or damage by fire covering property
30 situated within the territory protected by the Bohemia volunteer fire
31 department, located in the town of Islip, Suffolk county, New York, or
32 within any duly organized territory in which the Bohemia volunteer fire
33 department is or may be obligated to render fire protection. The officer
34 of said corporation designated by its by-laws to collect and receive the
35 aforesaid tax shall have all the powers and be subject to all the
36 provisions of the insurance law, relating to treasurers of fire depart-
37 ments. Such corporation shall also be entitled to receive a share of the
38 tax imposed by section [~~five hundred fifty four~~] nine thousand one
39 hundred five of the insurance law, based upon the business written in
40 the territory with respect to which it is entitled to collect and
41 receive the tax under section [~~five hundred fifty three~~] nine thousand
42 one hundred four of the insurance law. Such taxes shall only be used
43 [~~for the care and relief of disabled or indigent volunteer and exempt~~
44 ~~volunteer firemen and their families~~] in furtherance of its purposes set
45 forth in section three of this act.

46 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.