

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 23, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend chapter 7 of the laws of 1955, relating to incorporating the Hauppauge Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association, and providing for its powers and duties, in relation to the name of such association and the use of foreign fire insurance premium taxes

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

1 Section 1. Sections 1, 2 and 7 of chapter 7 of the laws of 1955,
2 relating to incorporating the Hauppauge Volunteer Exempt Firemen's
3 Benevolent Association, and providing for its powers and duties, are
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1. Incorporation; membership. A membership corporation by the
6 name of "Hauppauge Volunteer Exempt [~~Firemen's~~ **Firefighter's** Benevolent
7 Association" is hereby created. It shall be composed of such persons
8 eligible to membership therein as hereinafter provided as shall (a)
9 notify the secretary of the Hauppauge fire department in writing prior
10 to the organization meeting of such corporation hereinafter provided for
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 have
15 been, or who hereafter shall be volunteer members of Hauppauge fire
16 district fire department, or of any fire corporation in such fire
17 district, and all persons resident in such fire district or in territory
18 provided with fire protection by contract with such fire district who
19 are exempt volunteer [~~firemen~~ **firefighters** as defined by section two
20 hundred of the general municipal law, shall be eligible to membership in
21 the corporation hereby created; provided that any person who has been
22 expelled or removed for cause from membership in any fire company or
23 department shall not be eligible to membership in such corporation.

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

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1 Whenever a member who is not an exempt ~~[fireman]~~ volunteer firefighter
2 as defined by section two hundred of the general municipal law shall
3 move from such fire district or from territory provided with fire
4 protection as aforesaid or if the territory in which a member resides
5 shall no longer be provided with such fire protection, ~~[his]~~ such
6 member's membership in such corporation shall cease.

7 § 7. Precept for payment of foreign fire insurance premium taxes. Such
8 corporation shall collect and there shall be paid to it all taxes
9 imposed by section ~~[five hundred fifty-three]~~ 9104 of the insurance law,
10 for fire department use and benefit, upon premiums for insurance against
11 loss or damage by fire covering property situated within the territory
12 protected by the Hauppauge fire department, located partially in the
13 town of Smithtown and partially in the town of Islip, Suffolk county,
14 New York, or within any duly organized territory in which the Hauppauge
15 fire department is or may be obligated to render fire protection. The
16 officer of said corporation designated by its by-laws to collect and
17 receive the aforesaid tax shall have all the powers and be subject to
18 all the provisions of the insurance law, relating to treasurers of fire
19 departments. Such corporation shall also be entitled to receive a share
20 of the tax imposed by section ~~[five hundred fifty-four]~~ 9105 of the
21 insurance law, based upon the business written in the territory with
22 respect to which it is entitled to collect and receive the tax under
23 section ~~[five hundred fifty-three]~~ 9104 of the insurance law. Such taxes
24 shall only be used ~~[for the care and relief of disabled or indigent~~
25 ~~volunteer and exempt volunteer firemen and their families]~~ by the corpo-
26 ration in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in section three of
27 this act.

28 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.