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IN SENATE

April 16, 2026

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 63 of the laws of 1971 incorporating the "Centerport Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association" and providing for its powers and duties, in relation to the collection and use of foreign fire insurance premium taxes

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

Section 1. Sections 1, 2 and 7 of chapter 63 of the laws of 1971 incorporating the "Centerport Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association" and providing for its powers and duties, are amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation: membership. A not-for-profit corporation by the name of "Centerport Volunteer Exempt [~~Firemen's~~] Firefighter's 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 Centerport Fire Department Company, a volunteer fire company, 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 Centerport Fire Department Company, in the town of Huntington, County of Suffolk, or of any fire corporation in the Centerport Fire District in such town and who have acquired or shall hereafter acquire 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 the Centerport Fire Department Company or in a fire corporation in the Centerport Fire District, and all persons who are now or hereafter shall be active volunteer members of the Centerport Fire Department Company shall be eligible for membership in the corporation created by this act, except that any [~~fireman~~] firefighter who has been removed for cause,

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

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expelled or dropped from the rolls of any fire company or fire 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 when [~~his~~] their membership as an active or volunteer member of the Centerport Fire Department Company 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 the Centerport Fire Department Company.

§ 7. Precept for payment of foreign fire insurance premium taxes. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of any general, special or local law, or of any city charter or ordinance, heretofore or hereinafter enacted, 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 Centerport Fire District in the Town of Huntington, County of Suffolk, or within any duly organized territory in which the Centerport Fire Department Company 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 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.