§ 178-b. Expenses of the association of fire districts of the state of New York. The board of fire commissioners of any fire district may determine to expend and raise by taxation annually such sums as may be required toward defraying the actual and necessary expenses of maintaining and continuing the association of fire districts of the state of New York, and any of its activities in this state for the purpose of devising practical ways and means of obtaining greater economy and efficiency in the administration of fire district affairs.

The board of fire commissioners of any fire district may determine to expend and raise by taxation annually such sums as may be required to defray the proportionate share of such fire district to meet the actual and necessary expenses of maintaining and continuing (1) the county association of fire districts or the county association of fire district officers of the fire districts in a county in which all or part of such fire district is located and (2) a regional association of fire districts or a regional association of fire district officers of the fire districts located in an area of adjoining counties, and to maintain and continue any of the activities of any such association, for the purposes of obtaining greater economy and efficiency in the administration of fire district affairs.