

SENATE, No. 133

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Mr. LARSON.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A SUPPLEMENT to an act entitled "An act concerning firemen's relief associations," approved March twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1 I. Any funds heretofore or hereafter received and now or hereafter held by
2 any relief association, organized and existing under the provisions of the act to
3 which this act is a supplement, from any source whatever, may be used for the re-
4 lief, support and maintenance of firemen, exempt, paid or volunteer, and of their
5 dependents, not only during the lives of such firemen but after their death, in ac-
6 cordance with such reasonable rules and regulations in regard thereto as the execu-
7 tive committee of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association may from time to
8 time establish, which rules and regulations said executive committee is hereby
9 given power and authority to make and establish, alter, amend and supplement
10 and said executive committee is furthe given power and authority to employ, put
11 in effect and alter from time to time such methods of administration as may best
12 accomplish such results, including power and authority to provide for the restora-
13 tion of the funds of any local relief association diminished by payments made un-
14 der the operation of this act or otherwise either by an assessment levied by said
15 executive committee upon other associations in such equitable manner as it may
16 prescribe or by direction to and requisition upon the Commissioner of Banking and

17 Insurance with respect to the funds received by him from the tax upon the prem-
18 iums of fire insurance in foreign insurance companies.

1 2. Nothing in this act or in the act to which this is a supplement shall be con-
2 strued to prevent the payment by any such association of funeral or death benefits
3 out of any funds to the natural beneficiaries of any firemen dying hereafter in
4 such amount and subject to such rules and limitations as said executive committee
5 may from time to time establish.

1 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this
2 act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT.

This act is sought by the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, composed of volunteer, paid, and exempt firemen in order to permit the use of the funds received from the 2 per centum tax on the premiums of fire insurance written in foreign insurance companies for relief without restriction except by such rules as may be laid down therefore by the executive committee. The present act limits the use of funds to firemen dying or being injured or falling sick as the result of active fire duty, and for the relief and burial of indigent firemen. Many worthy and needy cases have not come under the strict wording of the statute. The act also permits the establishment of a scheme of funeral or death benefits under the administration of the executive committee and gives the executive committee the power to make requisition upon the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance for payments out of the funds in his hands for any of the above purposes.