

40A:14-56

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 40A:14-56 (Exempt firemen certificates--grant to certain people who were 18 years old at the time of appointment)

Laws of 1977 Chapter 248

Bill No. A2185

Sponsor(s) Jackman, Gallo

Date Introduced August 5, 1976

Committee: Assembly Municipal Government

Senate County & Municipal Government

Amended during passage Yes No

Date of passage: Assembly Feb. 14, 1977

Senate May 5, 1977

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes ~~xxx~~ Below

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes ~~xxx~~

Senate Yes~~x~~ No

Fiscal Note Yes~~x~~ No

Veto message ~~xxx~~ Yes~~x~~ No

Message on signing Yes~~x~~ No

Following were printed:

Reports Yes~~x~~ No

Hearings Yes~~x~~ No

Sponsor's Statement:

Present law (N.J.S. 40A:14-56) provides that certain firemen shall be entitled to exempt firemen certificates, if, at the time of their appointment, they met certain requirements, including being between the age of 21 and 40 years. This bill would reduce the lower age to 18.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2185

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED AUGUST 5, 1976

By Assemblymen JACKMAN and T. GALLO

Referred to Committee on Municipal Government

AN ACT concerning certain exempt firemen and amending N. J. S.  
40A:14-56.

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

1 1. N. J. S. 40A:14-56 is amended to read as follows:

2 40A:14-56. Any member of the fire department and force of a  
3 municipality shall be entitled to an exempt fireman certificate when  
4 it appears that at the time of his appointment he was a resident of  
5 the municipality, a citizen of the United States, of good moral  
6 character and was not under **[21]** 18 or over 40 years of age and  
7 that he had performed during a period of 7 years, 60% of fire duty,  
8 in each year, respectively. In cases where the appointment was  
9 made during the war years the age limit shall be extended 10 years.  
10 Service in the United States Armed Forces during said war years  
11 shall be considered as fire duty service.

12 Service in more than one municipal fire department, for sepa-  
13 rate periods not concurrent, amounting in the aggregate to 7 years,  
14 shall be deemed equivalent to 7 years service in a single municipal  
15 fire department and any fireman so serving shall be entitled to an  
16 exempt fireman certificate from the department and force in the  
17 municipality wherein he is serving at the time when he becomes  
18 entitled to said certificate. The prior service shall be certified by  
19 the chief executive officer of the municipality or municipalities  
20 wherein said member served and attested by the municipal clerk  
21 or clerks.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION**—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill  
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

## STATEMENT

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STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2185**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 1976

Assembly Bill No. 2185 would change the minimum age at which a fireman would have had to have been appointed to a fire department in order to be eligible for an exempt firemen's certificate. The age minimum is now 21 years, and the bill would lower it to 18 years.

Since the age of majority in the State of New Jersey has been lowered from 21 to 18 years of age, municipal fire departments are now appointing persons to fire departments whose age is 18 years or more. This bill would change the provisions relating to exempt firemen's certificates to make them conform to this new appointive age.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCTOBER 3, 1977

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ANNE BURNS

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed into law the following bills:

A-1875 - sponsored by Assemblyman Richard Van Wagner, D-Monmouth, which prohibits the renewal of any retail liquor licenses which have not been actively used for two years.

The bill provides, however, that the Director of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Division may authorize a further application for renewal if after a hearing he finds good cause for renewal.

A-3265 - sponsored by Assemblyman Joseph Patero, D-Middlesex, which applies to certain lands devoted to agricultural or horticultural use, owned by a religious or charitable organization which lost their valuation assessment and taxation under the Farmland Assessment Act because an application was not submitted on August 1, 1972.

This bill will permit an application to be filed to reinstate a valuation assessment and taxation. It also provides that the 1973 taxes be adjusted accordingly and credited or debited against any taxes due or to become due on the land.

A-2185 - sponsored by Assemblyman Christopher Jackman, D-Hudson, which changes the requirements for volunteer and paid firemen receiving exempt fireman certificates.

Prior to this legislation, the primary requirements for receiving a certificate were that the fireman be at least 21 years old, and have performed 60 per cent fire duty during a period of at least 7 years after becoming a fireman.

A-2185 will allow firemen to receive the exempt certificate at the age of 18 rather than 21.

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