

2A:127-4

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Permits short-wave radio receivers to be installed in firemen's cars)

NJSA 2A:127-4

LAWS OF 1977

CHAPTER 426

Bill No. A1499

Sponsor(s) Rand, Schuck

Date Introduced February 19, 1976

Committee: Assembly Judiciary, Law, Public Safety & Defense

Senate Law, Public Safety & Defense

Amended during passage

Yes

Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks

Date of Passage: Assembly April 25, 1977

Senate Dec. 15, 1977

Date of approval February 27, 1978

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement

Yes

(Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly

Yes

Senate

Yes

Fiscal Note

No

Veto Message

No

Message on signing

No

Following were printed:

Reports

No

Hearings

No

Sponsor's Statement:

The purpose of this bill is to allow members and officers of all municipal fire departments or forces to have short-wave radio receivers installed in their cars, so that as many volunteers as possible may be alerted to respond to a fire. A few have been installed in automobiles in some of the fire companies, and in these cases it was found that volunteers arrived on the scene who otherwise would not have received the alarm thus would not have responded.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1499

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 19, 1976

By Assemblymen RAND and SCHUCK

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT concerning volunteer firemen **and volunteer first aid, emergency, ambulance and rescue squads** and amending N. J. S. 2A:127-4.

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

1 1. N. J. S. 2A:127-4 is amended to read as follows:

2 2A:127-4. Any person who installs or has in any automobile, a
3 short-wave radio receiver operative on frequencies assigned by the
4 Federal Communications Commission for fire, police, municipal or
5 other governmental uses, is guilty of a misdemeanor, unless a
6 permit therefor has first been obtained from the chief of the county
7 police, or from the chief of the police of the municipality, wherein
8 such person resides.

9 This section does not apply to any fire, police or other govern-
10 mental official of the State or of any county or municipality thereof.

11 *The term fire official, as used in this act, shall include *all active**
12 *members and officers of ***[all]*** *any* municipal fire ***[departments***
13 *or forces]* *department or force or any first aid and emergency*
14 *or volunteer ambulance or rescue squad* whether said ***[depart-***
15 *ments or forces]* *department, force or squad* be paid, part-paid,*
16 *or volunteer.*

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.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY
AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1499
with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 18, 1977

This bill, as amended, would allow active members and officers of any municipal fire department or force or any first aid and emergency or volunteer ambulance or rescue squad to have short-wave radio receivers installed in their cars without having to obtain a permit. This would permit as many volunteers as possible to be alerted and to respond to an emergency.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1499

with Assembly committee amendments

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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DATED: SEPTEMBER 29, 1977

This bill clarifies the law which presently permits local fire officials, among others, to install emergency frequency shortwave radios in their motor vehicles. The frequencies are those specifically assigned to fire, police, municipal or other governmental agencies by the Federal Communications Commission. This bill defines "fire official" as any active member of a fire department or of a voluntary ambulance or rescue squad regardless of whether paid, part-paid or volunteer. The purpose is to allow as many responsible individuals as possible to be immediately notified of emergencies.