

# 43:17-3

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2004 **CHAPTER:** 99

**NJSA:** 43:17-3 (Requires NJ Firemen's Association to pay death benefits to certain members)

**BILL NO:** A337

**SPONSOR(S):** Weinberg and Johnson

**DATE INTRODUCED:** Pre-filed

**COMMITTEE:** **ASSEMBLY:** Homeland Security and State Preparedness  
**SENATE:** Law, Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:** **ASSEMBLY:** February 5, 2004

**SENATE:** June 21, 2004

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** July 13, 2004

### FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (Original version of bill enacted)

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

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P.L. 2004, CHAPTER 99, *approved July 13, 2004*  
Assembly, No. 337

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2 amending R.S.43:17-3.

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5 of New Jersey:

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9 article shall be to establish, provide for and maintain a fund for the  
10 relief, support or burial of:

11 (1) needy firefighters and their families[, and];

12 (2) any persons and the families of any persons who are injured or  
13 die in the course of doing public fire duty, or who may become needy  
14 or disabled or die as the result of doing such duty or be prevented by  
15 the injury or by illness arising from doing such duty, from attending to  
16 their usual occupation or calling [.] and

17 (3) the families of any persons doing public fire duty who die as the  
18 result of an act of terrorism committed against the United States of  
19 America while such persons were serving as federal, State or local law  
20 enforcement officers.

21 b. In addition to any other benefits provided, the associations  
22 incorporated under this article which provide line of duty death  
23 benefits also shall provide these benefits to the families of any qualified  
24 persons who die under the circumstances set forth in paragraph (3) of  
25 subsection a. of this section.

26 c. The relief, support or burial benefit shall be granted in  
27 accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the New Jersey  
28 State Firemen's Association.

29 (cf: P.L.1996, c.151, s.3)

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall be retroactive to  
32 September 11, 2001.

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37 Requires N.J. Firemen's Association to pay death benefits to members  
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**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

# ASSEMBLY, No. 337

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2004 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman LORETTA WEINBERG**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

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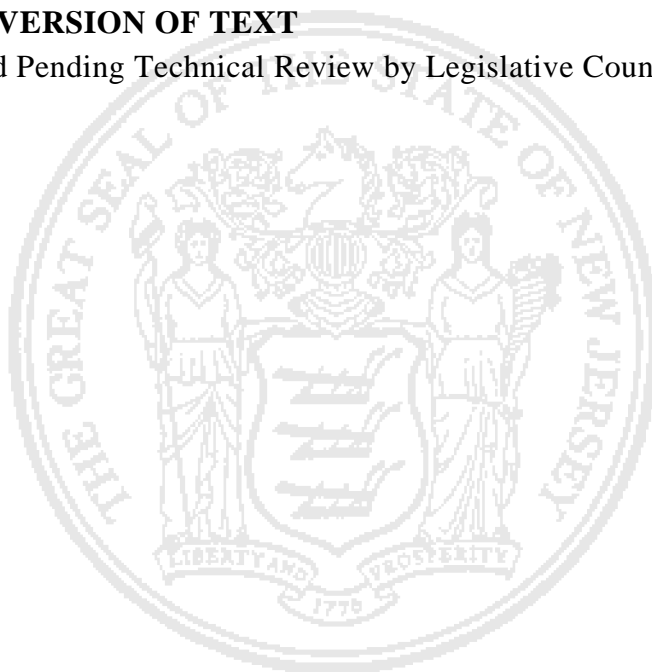
**Assemblyman Kean**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires N.J. Firemen's Association to pay death benefits to members employed as law enforcement officers who die in terrorist attack.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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#### STATEMENT

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37 This bill would require the local firemen's relief associations of the  
38 New Jersey State Firemen's Association, which pay line of duty and  
39 other death benefits, to also pay these benefits to the families of  
40 firefighters who have served as federal, State or local law enforcement  
41 officers and died in a terrorist attack.

42 Relief funds are established and maintained by the local firemen's  
43 relief associations pursuant to N.J.S.A.43:17-1 et seq. The current

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1 purpose of the relief associations is to establish and maintain a fund for  
2 the relief, support or burial of 1) needy firefighters and their families;  
3 2) firefighters and the families of firefighters who are injured or die in  
4 the course of doing public fire duty, or who may become needy or  
5 disabled or die as a result of doing public fire duty; and 3) firefighters  
6 and the families of firefighters who are prevented from working at  
7 their full-time jobs because of an injury or illness resulting from doing  
8 public fire duty. The relief associations are funded by a two percent  
9 surtax on fire insurance policies sold in this State by foreign (out-of-  
10 state) insurers. N.J.S.A.54:18-1 et seq.

11 Upon enactment, the bill would be retroactive to September 11,  
12 2001.

ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE  
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 337**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 26, 2004

The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 337.

This bill would require the local firemen's relief associations of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, which pay line of duty and other death benefits, to also pay these benefits to the families of firefighters who have served as federal, State or local law enforcement officers and who died in a terrorist attack.

Relief funds are established and maintained by the local firemen's relief associations pursuant to N.J.S.A.43:17-1 et seq. The current purpose of the relief associations is to establish and maintain a fund for the relief, support or burial of 1) needy firefighters and their families; 2) firefighters and the families of firefighters who are injured or die in the course of doing public fire duty, or who may become needy or disabled or die as a result of doing public fire duty; and 3) firefighters and the families of firefighters who are prevented from working at their full-time jobs because of an injury or illness resulting from doing public fire duty. The relief associations are funded by a two percent surtax on fire insurance policies sold in this State by foreign (out-of-state) insurers. N.J.S.A.54:18-1 et seq.

Upon enactment, the bill would be retroactive to September 11, 2001.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2004 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 337**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 7, 2004

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 337.

Assembly Bill No. 337 requires the local firemen's relief associations of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, which pay line of duty and other death benefits, to also pay these benefits to the families of firefighters who die as a result of a terrorist attack while serving as federal, State or local law enforcement officers.

Pursuant to R.S.43:17-1 et seq., relief funds are established and maintained by the local firemen's relief associations. The current purpose of the relief associations is to establish and maintain a fund for the relief, support or burial of 1) needy firefighters and their families; 2) firefighters and the families of firefighters who are injured or die in the course of doing public fire duty, or who may become needy or disabled or die as a result of doing public fire duty; and 3) firefighters and the families of firefighters who are prevented from working at their full-time jobs because of an injury or illness resulting from doing public fire duty. The relief associations are funded by a two percent surtax on fire insurance policies sold in this State by foreign (out-of-state) insurers.

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