

40A:14-37

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LAWS OF: 2007 **CHAPTER:** 220

NJSA: 40A:14-37 (Increases maximum death benefit of group life insurance policies paid for by fire district or municipality maintaining volunteer fire department)

BILL NO: S229 (Substituted for A3182)

SPONSOR(S) Bucco and Others

DATE INTRODUCED: January 10, 2006

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Financial Institutions and Insurance

SENATE: Community and Urban Affairs

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** December 13, 2007

SENATE: December 14, 2006

DATE OF APPROVAL: January 3, 2008

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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

S229

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 3 of original bill) [Yes](#)

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

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

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE: No

A3182

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

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 220, *approved January 3, 2008*
Senate, No. 229

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2 departments and amending N.J.S.40A:14-37 and N.J.S.40A:10-
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
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10 department, or wherein there shall exist one or more incorporated
11 volunteer fire companies affording fire protection to the fire district,
12 the membership whereof are serving under the jurisdiction of and
13 with the consent of the fire district and have formed, or may
14 hereafter form themselves into a group or groups, for the purpose of
15 obtaining the advantages of the group plan of life insurance, in any
16 of the plans now in vogue, or any plan which may hereafter be
17 inaugurated, it shall be lawful for the board of commissioners of
18 such fire district, by resolution, to appropriate moneys for the
19 purpose of defraying the cost of such insurance and to pay the
20 premiums therefor.

21 No board of commissioners of any fire district shall pay any
22 premiums on account of any policy of group life insurance as
23 provided herein where the amount payable upon the death of each
24 assured under the terms of the policy exceeds the sum of
25 **[\$10,000.00]** \$25,000 .

26 b. The board of commissioners of a fire district may, by
27 resolution, contract for and appropriate money to defray the cost of
28 any individual life insurance policy which provides cash value, non-
29 forfeiture benefits and loan provisions for volunteer firefighters in
30 its jurisdiction. Any such policy may provide for additional
31 benefits by means of a rider.

32 The amount payable upon the death of each insured on any
33 individual life insurance policy contracted for pursuant to the
34 provisions of this section shall not exceed the sum of \$16,500.

35 The Director of the Division of Local Government Services in
36 the Department of Community Affairs, after consultation with the
37 Commissioner of Insurance, shall promulgate rules and regulations
38 in accordance with the provisions of the "Administrative Procedure
39 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to regulate the
40 provision of insurance under this subsection.

41 (cf: P.L.1991, c.398, s.1)

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43 2. N.J.S.40A:10-29 is amended to read as follows:

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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20 paid for by fire district or municipality maintaining volunteer fire
department.

SENATE, No. 229

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris)

Senator GERALD CARDINALE

District 39 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Inverso, Allen, Palaia and Madden

SYNOPSIS

Increases maximum death benefit of group life insurance policies paid for by fire district or municipality maintaining volunteer fire department.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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ASSEMBLY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 229

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 19, 2007

The Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 229.

Under current law, fire districts maintaining a volunteer fire department and municipalities that defray the costs of group life insurance policies for their volunteer fire departments are authorized to appropriate money for the premiums of a group life insurance policy for the members. The maximum death benefit permitted under the law upon the death of each person insured under the policy is \$10,000.

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SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 2006

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 229.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2006-2007 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3182

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 1, 2006

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ALEX DECROCE

District 26 (Morris and Passaic)

Assemblyman JON M. BRAMNICK

District 21 (Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

**Assemblymen Conaway, Conners, Assemblywoman Greenstein,
Assemblymen Diegnan, Mayer and Johnson**

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