

40A:14-34

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Volunteer fire companies-increase allowable municipal appropriation)

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Sponsor(s) Maressa

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Sponsor's statement:  
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SENATE, No. 475

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1978 SESSION

By Senators MARESSA, FELDMAN and ZANE

AN ACT concerning municipal appropriations for fire protection in certain cases and amending N. J. S. 40A:14-34.

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

1 1. N. J. S. 40A:14-34 is amended to read as follows:  
2 40A:14-34. The governing body of any municipality may raise  
3 and appropriate funds to be granted to the boards of fire commis-  
4 sioners of any fire district or volunteer fire companies located  
5 therein, up to a total appropriation of **[\$30,000.00]** \$45,000.00  
6 annually. In any municipality in which there are more than three  
7 such boards or companies, or both, the governing body may raise  
8 and appropriate an additional **[\$10,000.00]** \$15,000.00 annually for  
9 each such additional board or company. Any such board or com-  
10 pany shall use not less than 50% of the funds received pursuant  
11 to this section for the purchase of fire equipment, materials and  
12 supplies. All funds appropriated under this section shall be  
13 accounted for to the governing body annually.

14 Any municipality may appropriate such additional sums as it  
15 may deem necessary for the purchase of fire equipment, supplies  
16 and materials for use by fire companies or boards, the title to which  
17 shall remain with the municipality, provided that the funds shall  
18 be controlled and disbursed by the municipality.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill increases from \$30,000.00 to \$45,000.00 the amount a municipality may appropriate to a volunteer fire company.

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

SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 475**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: JANUARY 26, 1978

This bill would amend present law by raising the upward limit which municipalities may raise and appropriate for the boards of fire commissions of fire districts or volunteer fire companies. It is permissive legislation. The general upward level would be raised from \$30,000.00 to \$45,000.00 annually, but in districts with more than 3 such boards or companies they would be able to appropriate an additional \$15,000.00 for each. That figure is up from the existing \$10,000.00 per board or company figure. The last time this section was amended was in 1972 when the amounts were raised from \$24,000.00 and \$6,000.00.