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**SPONSOR(S)** Cafiero and others

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**SENATE:** Law and Public Safety

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**SENATE:** Yes

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SENATE, No. 269

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 10, 1992

By Senators CAFIERO, Palaia,  
Assemblymen LoBiondo and Gibson

1 AN ACT concerning volunteer first aid, ambulance and rescue  
2 squads and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
5 *State of New Jersey:*

6 1. In the event of an emergency, the chief executive officer of  
7 any volunteer first aid, ambulance or rescue squad or the mayor  
8 or chief executive officer of any municipality may request  
9 assistance from the chief executive officer of any volunteer first  
10 aid, ambulance or rescue squad located in and serving another  
11 municipality for the protection and preservation of life within the  
12 territorial jurisdiction served by the squad requesting the  
13 assistance.

14 The chief executive officer of the volunteer first aid,  
15 ambulance or rescue squad located in and normally serving a  
16 contiguous municipality to whom such a request for assistance is  
17 made shall, except as hereinafter otherwise set forth, provide  
18 such personnel and equipment as requested to the extent possible  
19 without endangering any person or property within the  
20 municipality in which the assisting squad is located and which it  
21 normally serves.

22 The members of any squad providing assistance shall have,  
23 while so acting, the same rights and immunities as they otherwise  
24 enjoy in the performance of their normal duties in the  
25 municipality, or other territorial jurisdiction, in which the squad  
26 is located and which it normally serves.

27 If any member of the assisting first aid, ambulance or rescue  
28 squad shall, in rendering such assistance, suffer any injury or  
29 death, the member or his designee or legal representative shall be  
30 entitled to all salary, pension rights, workers compensation and  
31 other benefits to which the member would be entitled if the  
32 casualty or death had occurred in the performance of the  
33 member's duties in the municipality, or other territorial  
34 jurisdiction, in which the squad is located and which it normally  
35 serves.

36 2. The governing bodies of two or more municipalities may, by  
37 enacting reciprocal ordinances, enter into agreements with each  
38 other for mutual first aid, ambulance or rescue squad assistance  
39 in case of emergency <sup>1</sup>, subject to the written approval of the  
40 volunteer first aid, ambulance or rescue squad or squads  
41 involved<sup>1</sup>. The agreements may provide for:

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's  
recommendations January 25, 1993.

1 a. Terms and conditions for payment by the municipality  
2 receiving assistance to the municipality rendering assistance for  
3 each member and each equipped first aid, ambulance or rescue  
4 squad apparatus for each hour supplied;

5 b. The reimbursement of the municipality or municipalities  
6 rendering assistance for any damage to first aid, ambulance or  
7 rescue squad equipment or other property and for payment to any  
8 member of a first aid, ambulance or rescue squad for injuries  
9 sustained while serving pursuant to such agreements, or to a  
10 surviving spouse or other dependent if death results; and

11 c. A joint meeting of the municipalities entering into such  
12 agreements regarding other matters as are mutually deemed  
13 necessary.

14 3. A county emergency management coordinator may, by  
15 express order, suspend operation of the provisions of any  
16 agreement entered into pursuant to section 2 of P.L....., c....  
17 (C.....)(now pending before the Legislature as this bill) by  
18 municipalities in the county, upon declaration of an emergency  
19 pursuant to P.L.1942, c.251 (C.App.A:9-33 et seq.) or any  
20 regulation promulgated thereunder.

21 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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20 This bill provides statutory authority for one volunteer  
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28 contiguous municipality, the other squad would be required to  
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36 would have been entitled if the injury or death had occurred  
37 within the municipality in which the squad is located and which it  
38 normally serves.

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40 more municipalities may, by enacting reciprocal ordinances,  
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42 squad assistance in any emergency. The agreements may provide  
43 for payment to the municipality rendering such assistance;  
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ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 269

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 1992

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The Assembly Local Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 269.

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Senate Bill No. 269 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1170.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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DATED: MARCH 19, 1992

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

January 12, 1993

SENATE BILL NO. 269

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14, of the New Jersey Constitution, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 269 with my objections for reconsideration.

This bill would authorize one volunteer municipal first aid, ambulance and rescue squad to request assistance from another volunteer municipal first aid, ambulance and rescue squad during an emergency. The goals of this bill are significant in that it recognizes the importance of pre-planning for emergencies. However, many volunteer first aid, ambulance and rescue squads are private, not-for-profit corporations, constituting a separate entity from that of municipal government. I am concerned that the provisions of this bill may be construed as authorization to municipalities to enter into interlocal agreements which affect these squads, but deny them the opportunity to participate in negotiations.

Therefore, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 269 and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 1, Section 2, Line 39:

After "emergency" insert "  
subject to the written  
approval of the volunteer  
first aid, ambulance or  
rescue squad or squads  
involved"

Respectfully

/s/ Jim Florio

GOVERNOR

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Attest:

/s/ M. Robert DeCotiis

Chief Counsel to the Governor