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SYNOPSIS

Increases contribution limit by counties and municipalities to volunteer first aid, ambulance and rescue squads.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning contribution limits by counties and municipalities
2 to volunteer first aid, ambulance and rescue squads and amending
3 R.S.40:5-2.

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

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8 1. R.S.40:5-2 is amended to read as follows:

9 40:5-2. Any county or municipality may make a voluntary
10 contribution of not more than ~~[\$35,000.00]~~ \$70,000 annually to any
11 duly incorporated first aid and emergency or volunteer ambulance or
12 rescue squad association of the county, or of any municipality therein,
13 rendering service generally throughout the county, or any of the
14 municipalities thereof. In addition, if any such associations experience
15 extraordinary need, the county or municipality may contribute an
16 additional amount of not more than \$35,000.00 annually; provided,
17 however, that the need for such additional funds is established by the
18 association and is directly related to the performance of said
19 association's duties. Whenever the total annual county or municipal
20 contribution to an association exceeds ~~[\$35,000.00]~~ \$70,000, the
21 chief financial officer of the county or municipality shall receive an
22 audit performed by a certified public accountant or a registered
23 municipal accountant of each association's financial records for the
24 current year which shall certify to the governing body of the county or
25 municipality that such records are being maintained in accordance with
26 sound accounting principles.

27 Any county or municipality may appropriate such additional sums
28 as it may deem necessary for the purchase of first aid, ambulance,
29 rescue or other emergency vehicles, equipment, supplies and materials
30 for use by these associations, the title to which shall remain with the
31 county or municipality, provided that the funds are controlled and
32 disbursed by the county or municipality.

33 In the case of a joint purchase made by the governing bodies of two
34 or more local units pursuant to the provisions of the "Consolidated
35 Municipal Services Act," P.L.1952, c.72 (C.40:48B-1 et seq.), the title
36 to the purchase shall be held by the joint meeting formed by the
37 contracting governing bodies.

38 (cf: P.L.1987, c.31, s.1)

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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STATEMENT

This bill would increase the amount of aid that a county or municipality can provide annually to a volunteer first aid, rescue or ambulance company from \$35,000 to \$70,000. R.S.40:5-2 places an upper limit on the amount of aid that a county or municipality may provide to a volunteer first aid, ambulance or rescue squad. The sponsor believes that this upper limit must be increased to keep pace with rising material costs and mandated expenses such as required medical testing of all volunteers for several infectious diseases.