

ASSEMBLY, No. 97

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman ROONEY and Assemblywoman VANDERVALK

1 AN ACT permitting certain contributions by the Palisades Interstate
2 Park Commission and supplementing chapter 14 of Title 32 of the
3 Revised Statutes.

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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. Pursuant to the provisions of section 32:17-5 of the Compact of
9 June 2, 1937, the Palisades Interstate Park Commission (hereinafter,
10 "the commission") may make a voluntary contribution of not more
11 than \$35,000 annually to any first aid and emergency or volunteer
12 ambulance or rescue squad association, or any volunteer fire company
13 or fire district providing first aid and emergency ambulance or rescue
14 services, established or incorporated pursuant to law in the State of
15 New Jersey and rendering service in municipalities or counties
16 containing, adjacent to, or within reasonable response distance from
17 the New Jersey portion of the Palisades Interstate Park for services
18 provided therein. If any such association experiences extraordinary
19 need, the commission may contribute an additional amount of not
20 more than \$35,000 annually; provided, however, that the need for such
21 additional funds is established by the association and is directly related
22 to the performance of the association's duties. Whenever the total
23 annual contribution to an association exceeds \$35,000, the commission
24 shall receive an audit performed by a certified public accountant or a
25 registered municipal accountant of each association's financial records
26 for the current year which shall certify to the commission that such
27 records are being maintained in accordance with sound accounting
28 principles.

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill permits the Palisades Interstate Park Commission to

1 contribute funds to volunteer first aid, rescue and ambulance squads,
2 and to volunteer fire companies and fire districts that provide first aid,
3 rescue and ambulance services, for such services in the New Jersey
4 portion of the Palisades Interstate Park.

5 The amounts and conditions are essentially the same as those
6 provided by law for similar contributions by counties and
7 municipalities in this State, except that this bill does not contain a
8 provision for capital purchases by the commission for use by the
9 volunteer associations.

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