

ASSEMBLY, No. 1057

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen DORIA and ARNONE

1 AN ACT concerning the employment of certain firefighters by
2 municipalities, and supplementing chapter 14 of Title 40A of the
3 New Jersey 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. a. The provisions of any other law to the contrary
9 notwithstanding, the appointing authority of a municipality which,
10 pursuant to N.J.S.40A:14-7, has established and maintains a paid or
11 part-paid fire department and force may appoint as a member or
12 officer of that fire department or force any person who:

13 (1) was serving as a civilian federal firefighter in good standing at
14 any U.S. military installation in the State;

15 (2) satisfactorily completed such firefighter training as is required
16 for employment as a civilian federal firefighter; and

17 (3) was, as a consequence of the closure of a federal military
18 installation in this State, terminated as a civilian federal firefighter
19 within 36 months prior to the appointment.

20 b. A municipality may employ such a person notwithstanding that:

21 (1) Title 11A, Civil Service, of the New Jersey Statutes is
22 operative in that municipality;

23 (2) the municipality has available to it an eligible or regular
24 reemployment list of persons eligible for such appointments; and

25 (3) the appointed person is not on any eligible list. A municipality
26 which has adopted Title 11A, Civil Service, may not employ such a
27 person if a special reemployment list is in existence for the firefighter
28 title to be filled.

29 c. If a municipality determines to appoint a person pursuant to the
30 provisions of this act, it shall give first priority in making such
31 appointments to residents of the municipality and second priority to
32 residents of the county not residing in the municipality.

33 d. The seniority, seniority-related privileges and rank a civilian
34 federal firefighter possessed while employed at a federal military
35 installation shall not be transferable to a position in a municipal fire
36 department and force obtained pursuant to the provisions of this
37 section.

1 e. To effectuate the purposes of this section, the Department of
2 Personnel shall prepare and circulate, to those municipalities which
3 have established and maintain fire departments and forces pursuant to
4 N.J.S.40A:14-7, a list of civilian federal firefighters eligible for
5 appointment under the provisions of this section.

6 To assist in the preparation of the list required under the provisions
7 of this subsection, the department shall consult with the employee
8 organizations representing those civilian federal firefighters.

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10 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Authorizes municipalities to hire certain unemployed firefighters.