

ASSEMBLY, No. 1858

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen GIBSON, LeFEVRE and Blee

1 AN ACT concerning certain mutual police and fire aid agreements and
2 amending P.L.1976, c.45.

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

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1976, c.45 (C.40A:14-156.1) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. The governing bodies of two or more municipalities may by
10 reciprocal ordinances enter into agreements with each other for mutual
11 police or fire aid in case of emergency. Such agreements may provide
12 for:

13 a. The reimbursement of the municipality or municipalities
14 rendering such aid, for any damage to police or fire equipment or other
15 property, and for payment to any member of a police force or fire
16 department and force or volunteer fire company for injuries sustained
17 while serving pursuant to such agreements or to a surviving spouse or
18 other dependent if death results;

19 b. A joint meeting of the municipalities entering into such
20 agreements, for the selection of necessary officers or personnel, or for
21 such other matters as are mutually deemed necessary; and

22 c. The acquisition of lands, and the establishment and maintenance
23 of a central office. Real and personal property so acquired shall be
24 held by such municipalities as tenants in common.

25 The governing body of a municipality may enter into an agreement
26 with any authority created pursuant to an interstate compact for
27 mutual police or fire aid in case of emergency. The agreement may
28 contain provisions similar to the provisions in agreements between
29 municipalities as provided above.

30 (cf: P.L.1976, c.45, s.1)

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32 2. Section 2 of P.L.1976, c.45 (C.40A:14-156.2) is amended to
33 read as follows:

34 2. Members of a police force or fire department and force or

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.

1 volunteer fire company in any municipality entering into any agreement
2 hereunder, while on duty rendering assistance to any other
3 municipality or interstate authority created pursuant to an interstate
4 compact entering into said agreement, shall have the same powers,
5 authority and immunities as have the members of the police force or
6 fire department and force or volunteer fire company, as the case may
7 be, of the municipality in which such assistance is being rendered or of
8 the authority for which such assistance is being rendered.
9 (cf: P.L.1976, c.45, s.2)

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11 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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16 This bill would provide that a municipality may enter into an
17 agreement for mutual emergency police or fire aid with an interstate
18 authority.

19 Under current law, a municipality may enter into an agreement with
20 another municipality for mutual police or fire aid in case of emergency.

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26 Permits police and fire mutual aid agreements between municipalities
and interstate authorities.