

SENATE, No. 399

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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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
2 municipalities to volunteer first aid, ambulance, and rescue
3 squads and amending 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 **[\$70,000]** \$125,000 annually to any
11 duly incorporated first aid and emergency or volunteer ambulance
12 or rescue squad association of the county, or of any municipality
13 therein, rendering service generally throughout the county, or any
14 of the municipalities thereof. In addition, if any such associations
15 experience extraordinary need, the county or municipality may
16 contribute an additional amount of not more than **[\$35,000.00]**
17 \$70,000 annually; provided, however, that the need for such
18 additional funds is established by the association and is directly
19 related to the performance of said association's duties. Whenever
20 the total annual county or municipal contribution to an association
21 exceeds \$70,000, the chief financial officer of the county or
22 municipality shall receive an audit performed by a certified public
23 accountant or a registered municipal accountant of each
24 association's financial records for the current year which shall
25 certify to the governing body of the county or municipality that
26 such records are being maintained in accordance with sound
27 accounting principles.

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

35 In the case of a joint purchase made by the governing bodies of
36 two or more local units pursuant to the provisions of the
37 "Consolidated Municipal Services Act," P.L.1952, c.72 (C.40:48B-
38 1 et seq.), the title to the purchase shall be held by the joint meeting
39 formed by the contracting governing bodies.

40 (cf: P.L.2001, c.403, s.1)
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42 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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.

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STATEMENT

This bill would increase the maximum amount that a county or municipality may annually contribute to a volunteer first aid, ambulance or rescue company. Currently, a county or municipality may annually contribute up to \$70,000 and, if any company experiences extraordinary need, an additional \$35,000 annually. This bill would increase these amounts to \$125,000 and \$70,000 respectively.