

CHAPTER 149

AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Firemen's Home and amending chapter 7 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes and repealing R.S.30:7-5.

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

1. R.S.30:7-1 is amended to read as follows:

Board of Managers of New Jersey Firemen's Home.

30:7-1. The board of managers of the New Jersey Firemen's Home, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, shall consist of the president of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, the Governor of the State, the State Commissioner of Banking and Insurance and the State Comptroller, one member elected from each county of the State and one additional member who shall be a fully paid fireman, elected from each of the counties of Essex and Hudson. The president of the firemen's association, the Governor, the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance and the State Comptroller, respectively, for the time being, shall be ex-officio members of the board of managers.

The elected members shall be elected by the New Jersey State Firemen's Association in annual convention assembled. They shall hold office for a term of four years from the first day of October next succeeding their election and until their successors are elected and qualify.

A vacancy occurring among the elected members other than by expiration of a term shall be filled as follows: The president of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association shall appoint from the county in which the vacancy occurred a successor to serve until the first day of October next succeeding the appointment and at the next annual meeting of the association there shall be elected from the county in which the vacancy occurred a member to serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

The members shall receive no compensation for their service but may be reimbursed their actual expenses in connection with their duties as managers from the funds of the home.

2. R.S.30:7-3 is amended to read as follows:

Designation, appointment of officers.

30:7-3. The board of managers of the New Jersey Firemen's Home shall designate a chairman, a secretary and treasurer and, subject to the Governor's approval, appoint a superintendent and such other officers, assistants and attendants as may be necessary and proper.

The treasurer shall enter into bond to the board of managers for the faithful performance of the duties of his office in such sum and with such sureties as the board shall require and approve.

The superintendent and other officers may be required to give bond in such sum and with such sureties for the faithful performance of their respective duties as the board shall require and approve.

3. R.S.30:7-4 is amended to read as follows:

Power, duties of superintendent.

30:7-4. The superintendent shall be the chief executive officer of the New Jersey Firemen's Home and shall have the general management and care of the buildings, grounds, furniture, fixtures and stock, and the government, direction, care and treatment of guests and patients and of the officers, assistants and attendants, subject to the general control of the board of managers and in pursuance of the by-laws, rules and regulations established by the board and he shall keep a correct and proper record of all his official acts and transactions.

4. R.S.30:7-6 is amended to read as follows:

Admittance to home; terms, conditions.

30:7-6. The board of managers shall establish the terms and conditions upon which an aged, needy or disabled fireman may be admitted into the home and the period of continuance therein.

5. R.S.30:7-7 is amended to read as follows:

Persons entitled to admittance.

30:7-7. No person shall be admitted into the New Jersey Firemen's Home as a patient or guest unless he is or has been an active fireman of this State and is aged or needy and unable to procure the means sufficient for his comfortable support and necessary care and attendance; or unless he has been permanently or temporarily disabled in the discharge of the duties as a fireman of this State; or unless from sickness or other disability contracted in such service or in consequence thereof he is needy and unable to secure the necessary means for his treatment, cure, comfortable support and proper care and attendance.

6. R.S.30:7-8 is amended to read as follows:

Benefits, application rejections, guest removal.

30:7-8. A person admitted to the New Jersey Firemen's Home shall be entitled to all its benefits and shall be furnished with clothing, subsistence, medical and surgical attendance and whatever may be suitable and necessary to promote his health or recovery and contribute to his comfort in accordance with the rules and regulations of the home. An applicant for admission may be rejected and a guest or patient may be removed by resolution of the board of managers for want of the proper qualifications, to become or remain a guest or patient, or on being restored to health, or on becoming of sufficient ability to promote and provide for his own support or for neglect to comply with the rules and regulations of the home or for conduct adverse to the operation of the home.

7. R.S.30:7-9 is amended to read as follows:

Visits, inspections.

30:7-9. One of the managers shall visit the New Jersey Firemen's Home at least once in every two weeks. The board shall visit the home at least once in every three months. Each manager shall at all times have access to every part of the home, to every patient and guest, and to all books, records, accounts, vouchers and papers pertaining to the home, and the free and full inspection thereof.

The managers shall keep a book of minutes of their proceedings and a book in which shall be entered the date of each visit, the condition of the patients and guests and remarks upon the condition and management of the home to be signed by each of the managers present.

8. R.S.30:7-10 is amended to read as follows:

Annual report to Governor.

30:7-10. The board of managers shall annually on or before the first day of January in each year report to the Governor an estimate of the cost and expense of managing and conducting the New Jersey Firemen's Home for the succeeding year; also a detailed statement of moneys received, whence received and how disbursed or expended; also all gifts of supplies, materials or other things received, from whom received and how the same were used or appropriated; also the number of guests or patients for the preceding year, the average expense of patients and guests, and the number deceased or discharged; and generally all matters and things relating to the government, management, conduct and control of the home.

9. R.S.30:7-11 is amended to read as follows:

Maintenance of, gifts to home.

30:7-11. To provide the means necessary to govern, manage, conduct and sustain the New Jersey Firemen's Home, the managers may receive bequests or devises for the use and benefit of the home, and the same invest, sell, convey, use or otherwise apply for the benefit of the home as the managers, subject to the approval of the Governor, may deem proper. The managers may also receive voluntary contributions of money, food, material or merchandise for the home.

10. R.S.30:7-12 is amended to read as follows:

Property of home tax exempt.

30:7-12. The property, real and personal, of the board of managers of the New Jersey Firemen's Home and held or used for the uses and purposes of the firemen's home shall be exempt from taxation, State or municipal under any law of the State.

Repealer.

11. R.S.30:7-5 is hereby repealed.

12. This act shall take effect immediately.

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