

CHAPTER 99

AN ACT concerning the New Jersey State Firemen's Association and amending R.S.43:17-3.

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

1. R.S.43:17-3 is amended to read as follows:

Objects of association.

43:17-3. a. The object of associations incorporated under this article shall be to establish, provide for and maintain a fund for the relief, support or burial of:

- (1) needy firefighters and their families;
- (2) any persons and the families of any persons who are injured or die in the course of doing public fire duty, or who may become needy or disabled or die as the result of doing such duty or be prevented by the injury or by illness arising from doing such duty, from attending to their usual occupation or calling; and
- (3) the families of any persons doing public fire duty who die as the result of an act of terrorism committed against the United States of America while such persons were serving as federal, State or local law enforcement officers.

b. In addition to any other benefits provided, the associations incorporated under this article which provide line of duty death benefits also shall provide these benefits to the families of any qualified persons who die under the circumstances set forth in paragraph (3) of subsection a. of this section.

c. The relief, support or burial benefit shall be granted in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall be retroactive to September 11, 2001.

Approved July 13, 2004.