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RESOLUTION 2023-04

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COOKE TOWNSHIP,  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CALLING ON THE  
PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE TO AMEND ACT 108 REGARDING  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE  
COMPANIES.

WHEREAS, THE Pennsylvania legislature enacted an Act of June 2, 1915 (P.L. 736,  
No. 338) defining liability of an employer to pay damages for injuries received by an  
employee in the course of employment (the PA. Worker's Compensation act); and

WHEREAS, the PA Workers' Compensation Act does provide for workers'  
compensation for certain members associated with volunteer fire companies by treating  
such persons as "employees" under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the legislature amended the PA Worker's Compensation Act by Act of  
November 3, 2020, P.L. 1080, No. 108, by defining "member of volunteer fire  
department or volunteer fire companies", "members of volunteer ambulance corps", and  
social members" of such organizations; and

WHEREAS, section 1506 of the Act of May 1, 1933 (P.L. 103, No. 69), known as the  
Second Class Township code, reenacted, and amended November 9, 1995, P.L. 350, No.  
60, 53 P.S. 66506, authorizes the Township to adopt any ordinance, rule, resolution, or  
regulation necessary for the maintenance of the health and welfare of the township and its  
citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED, that the  
Board of Supervisors of Cooke Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, calls on  
the Pennsylvania legislature to amend the first full paragraph of section 601 (f) (4) of the  
PA Worker's Compensation Act, 77 P.S. 1031, as follows:

"(4) A participating member of a volunteer fire department or volunteer fire company  
who provides necessary operational support to the volunteer fire department or volunteer  
fire company but does not respond to emergency calls. Operational support includes  
maintaining the station and equipment, acting as trustee, providing support for organized  
fundraisers, organizing fundraisers, providing information technology support and  
assisting with recruitment and other administrative tasks, if the operational support  
activity is conducted on a regular basis for the benefit of a volunteer fire department or

volunteer fire company as approved at the beginning of each policy year by the authority, organization or municipality purchasing workers' compensation insurance for the volunteer fire department or volunteer fire company."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board shall forward copies of this resolution to all Cumberland County state legislators, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

RESOLVED THIS 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.



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