

RESOLUTION R-13-52

RESOLUTION OPPOSING NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY BILL A-2756

WHEREAS, Public Safety employees and all other public and private sector workers should be adequately compensated for on-duty accidents and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the widows of police officers and firefighters already receive benefits under New Jersey Law that are not available to the surviving spouses of other public and private sector workers; and

WHEREAS, surviving spouses of police officers and firefighters receive an enhanced non-contributory life insurance benefit from the New Jersey Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) in the amount of 3.5 times annual compensation while the benefit for everyone else is 1.5 times the annual compensation; and

WHEREAS, spouses of police officers and firefighters killed on the job further receive over \$325,000.00 from the Federal Government under the Public Safety Officers Benefits Act (PSOB); and

WHEREAS, under current Law, certain dependents including spouses, children and under some circumstances parents may apply for Workers' Compensation Dependent Benefits of seventy percent (70%) of the employees average earnings; and

WHEREAS, a spouse who remarries loses the dependent benefit after receiving a basic minimum award determined by a formula under the New Jersey Statute and the other eligible dependents split the spouses award; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed A-2756, the widow of a police officer or firefighter will receive the benefit for life, but this extension will not be available to the surviving spouses of other public or private sector workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison that the New Jersey Legislature be urged to reject Assembly Bill A-2756, as currently written, and that the Workers' Compensation System treat equally all public and private sector workers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to New Jersey Governor Chris Christie; to Senate President, Stephen Sweeney; and to Members of the Third New Jersey Legislative District.

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HARRISON

BY: _____
JAMES McCALL, MAYOR

Dated: May 8, 2013

ATTEST:

NANCY E. KEARNS, RMC, TOWNSHIP CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison at the Regular Meeting held on the 8th day of May, 2013.

NANCY E. KEARNS, RMC, TOWNSHIP CLERK

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