

CHAPTER 463

AN ACT concerning firefighters, supplementing Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, repealing P.L.1991, c.215, and making an appropriation.

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

C.28:2-26.1 Fire Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial reorganized as independent, non-profit organization; membership, meetings.

1. a. The New Jersey Fire Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial is hereby removed from the auspices of the Department of Environmental Protection and reorganized and established as an independent, non-profit organization, which shall oversee the permanent fire museum and fallen firefighter memorial to honor New Jersey's proud history of firefighting service and the brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives in the fire service. The museum collection donated by Ernest Day shall be transferred from the Department of Environmental Protection and placed in the custody of the New Jersey Fire Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

b. The New Jersey Fire Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial shall be governed by a board of directors which shall organize within 30 days after the appointment of its members. The board shall select a chairperson from among the members. The board shall meet at the call of the chairperson at the times and places it may deem appropriate and necessary to fulfill its duties, except that the board shall meet a minimum of four times per year. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business.

c. The board shall appoint an executive director who shall be compensated within the limits of the funds made available by the board for that purpose. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the board and shall be a person qualified by training and experience to perform the duties of the office.

C.28:2-26.2 Powers, responsibilities, duties of board of directors.

2. a. The board of directors for the nonprofit New Jersey Fire Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial reorganized and established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2021, c.463 (C.28:2-26.1) shall have the power to make, amend, and repeal rules and bylaws for its own governance and guidance, for the administration of the museum and its collections, and in furtherance of the purposes set forth in section 1 of P.L.2021, c.463 (C.28:2-26.1) that are not inconsistent with State and federal law.

3. There is appropriated from the General Fund \$200,000 to the board of the New Jersey Fire Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial to effectuate the purposes of P.L.2021, c.463.

Repealer.

4. Section 1 of P.L.1991, c.215 (C.28:2-26) is repealed.

5. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 18, 2022.