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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR THE DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION (DVFA) TO
REPORT FINDINGS BACK TO THE 151ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1 WHEREAS, the General Assembly and the State of Delaware recognizes the tremendous contribution that the
2 volunteer fire companies and departments of this State have contributed to the saving of life and property in the State; and

3 WHEREAS, it is recognized that there are great benefits of the volunteer system in fire and rescue operations up
4 and down the state and that they save an enormous amount of taxpayer dollars if the system was to be an entirely paid
5 operation; and

6 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the General Assembly to continue to support the State of Delaware volunteer
7 Firefighters system and the various organizations that it represents such as the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association
8 (DVFA); and

9 WHEREAS, this support is demonstrated just this year by the findings of the Joint Legislative Task Force and its
10 findings and recommended legislation to help with recruitment and retention; and

11 WHEREAS, there has been a continued effort to further enhance the professionalism and accountability of the
12 Delaware system by implementing oversight and transparency through regulatory authority of the Delaware Fire Prevention
13 Commission; and

14 WHEREAS, this recent process of determining how to put in place this oversight has been ongoing since late
15 August of 2019 and recently discussed at a DVFA meeting of June 2021, an almost two (2) year process and it should even
16 be noted that the original conversation of such oversight started as noted in recent Commissions minutes was talked about
17 back in 2010, some 11 years ago; and

18 WHEREAS, renewed energy to accomplish this was when House Bill No. 193 with House Amendment No. 1 was
19 introduced in the House of Representatives and then late in June at the mentioned DVFA meeting asked to be tabled until
20 January 2022.

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED By the House of Representatives of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
23 Senate concurring therein, it is agreed by the sponsors of House Bill No. 193 with House Amendment No. 1 to let the bill

24 remain on the Ready List of the House to allow the various fire organizations additional time to review the bill and the
25 amendment and offer their suggestions and ideas to implement the aforementioned oversight with involvement of the
26 Delaware Fire Prevention Commission.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that regarding the request for further time under this Concurrent Resolution that
28 the DVFA and affiliated organizations submit their findings and recommendations to the 151st General Assembly no later
29 than December 15th, 2021.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution establishes a date for the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters' Association (DVFA) to report findings back to the 151st General Assembly.