

No. 17

AN ACT

HB 668

Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L. 103, No. 69), entitled "An act concerning townships of the second class; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," providing for liability insurance for township officers and employes.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Clause XIII of section 702, act of May 1, 1933 (P.L. 103, No. 69), known as "The Second Class Township Code," reenacted and amended July 10, 1947 (P.L. 1481, No. 567), and amended January 26, 1966 (1965 P.L. 1619, No. 573), is amended to read:

Section 702. Supervisors to Exercise Powers.—The corporate powers of townships of the second class shall be exercised by the township supervisors. Where no specific authority is given for the expenditures incident to the exercise of any power hereinafter conferred, or where no specific fund is designated from which such expenditures shall be made, appropriations for such expenditures shall be made only from the general township fund. In addition to the duties imposed upon them by section 516 hereof, they shall have power—

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XIII. Insurance.—To expend out of the general township fund such amount as may be necessary to secure workmen's compensation insurance for its employes, including volunteer firemen of companies duly recognized by the township by motion or resolution, killed or injured while going to, returning from, or attending fires in said township or territory adjacent thereto, or while performing any other duties authorized by the township; to make contracts of insurance with any fire insurance company, duly authorized by law to transact business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on any building or property owned by such township, to make contracts with any insurance company, so authorized, insuring any public liability of the township, ***including insurance on every township officer, official, and employe for liability arising from errors and omissions in the performance of their duties in the course of their employment, except that liability of elected or appointed officials or officers for surcharge in accordance with law shall not be affected hereby;*** and to make contracts of insurance with any insurance company, or nonprofit hospitalization corporation, or nonprofit medical service corporation, authorized to transact business within the Commonwealth, insuring its employes, and/or their dependents, or any class or classes thereof, under a policy or policies of

group insurance covering life, health, hospitalization, medical service, or accident insurance, and may contract with any such company, granting annuities or pensions, for the pensioning of such employes, and for such purposes, may agree to pay part or all of the premiums or charges for carrying such contracts, and may appropriate out of its treasury any money necessary to pay such premiums, or charges, or portions thereof. The supervisors are hereby authorized, enabled and permitted to deduct from the employe's pay, salary or compensation such part of the premium, or charge, as is payable by the employe, and as may be so authorized by the employe in writing.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 26th day of June, A. D. 1975.

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