

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT  
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
R 2018-80**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND S-716, S-477 and S-1766**

**WHEREAS**, While it is commendable that legislation is being considered to provide additional compensation to Firefighters with cancer, S-716 as currently written, without responsible amendments, will prove to be very expensive to municipalities and taxpayers, and

**WHEREAS**, While it is also commendable that the statute of limitations is being extended for claims involving sexual abuse, S-477 as currently written would eliminate the statute of limitations entirely leaving officials and volunteers with the near impossible task of defending a claim that is decades old.

**WHEREAS**, Under current law family members can already collect substantial compensation for actual losses such as medical bills, lost income as well as loss of companionship.

**WHEREAS**, Without appropriate amendments, the combined impact of these bills would devastate local government insurance budgets at a time when the local taxpayers are being squeezed because of changes in the Federal Tax code.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Commissioners of the Borough of Longport that:

- S-716 be amended to provide that the cancer presumption be limited to types of cancer that scientific evidence establishes that Firefighters develop at a higher rate than the general public, and
- S-716 be amended to end the presumption at age 65 when the firefighter becomes eligible for Medicare. Alternatively, S-716 should be amended to remove volunteers and establish a special program for them along the lines recently adopted by New York, Connecticut, Michigan, Colorado and Georgia, and
- S-716 also be amended so that the standard to rebut the presumption remains at the current “preponderance of the evidence”, and
- S-477 be amended to increase statute of limitation on claims involving sexual molestation against public entities to 7 years, subject to no limitation against the molester, and
- S-1766 be amended to remove public entities from “emotional distress” compensation for wrongful death claims subject to Title 59, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Municipal Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the legislative delegation in the 2<sup>ND</sup> district, the Senate President and the Speaker of the Assembly.

Motion to Table 7-11-18

COMMISSION	AYE	NAY	N.V	A.B.	MOT.	SEC.
RUSSO	X				X	
LEEDS	X					X
LAWLER				X		
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Re-Introduction July 25, 2018						
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RUSSO	X				X	
LEEDS	X					X
LAWLER	X					
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This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF ADOPTION: 7-25-2018

  
 /s/ MATTHEW CONLON, ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK

