

AN ACT AUTHORIZING TOWNS TO PROVIDE INDEMNITY INSURANCE FOR CERTAIN VOLUNTEER FIREMEN. *Chap. 385*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section 5 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out clause (1), as most recently amended by chapter 291 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in place thereof the following clause: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 40, § 5, etc., amended.

(1) To pay a proper charge of an insurance company for acting as surety on the official bond of any town officer, to pay a proper charge for effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to a town treasurer or a town collector of taxes against his liability for the loss, without fault, connivance or neglect on his part, of money for which he is accountable to the town, or to pay a proper charge for effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any officer or employee of the town, or volunteer driver of fire apparatus of the town whose service as such is approved by the selectmen against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property, caused by the operation, within the scope of his official duties or employment, of motor or other vehicles or vessels owned by the town, to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars on account of injury to or death to one person, or not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars for any one accident, and not exceeding five thousand dollars on account of damage to property; or to pay a proper charge for effecting insurance providing indemnity for or protection to any of the officers or employees of the town, or to any member of a volunteer fire company in a town whose service as such is approved by the board of selectmen of such town, named in section one hundred of chapter forty-one against loss by reason of any expenses or damages within the provisions of said section, or to pay a proper charge to prevent loss by reason of destruction or damage of buildings or personal property by fire or other causes normally covered by fire insurance policies issued in the commonwealth, or to pay a proper charge for effecting insurance to cover the town's liability to pay workmen's compensation, or, if the town has elected to establish and maintain an insurance fund to pay workmen's compensation under section thirteen A of this chapter, or if the town has determined otherwise to pay such workmen's compensation direct, to pay a proper charge for aggregate excess or single accident reinsurance to protect the town from extraordinary workmen's compensation losses.

Indemnity insurance for certain volunteer fire fighters, authorized.

*Approved May 26, 1955.*