

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2019** Session of  
1975

INTRODUCED BY COLE, GREEN, WHELAN, BRANDT, ZELLER, ZWIKL,  
McCALL, LINCOLN, DiCARLO, PRATT, MILANOVICH, MILLIRON,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 10, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 18, 1941 (P.L.137, No.74), entitled "An  
2 act providing for the appointment, powers and control of  
3 members of volunteer fire companies as special fire police,  
4 and conferring powers on them at fires attended by their fire  
5 companies in any city, borough, town and township," extending  
6 the rights and duties of special fire police.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1, act of June 18, 1941 (P.L.137, No.74),  
10 entitled "An act providing for the appointment, powers and  
11 control of members of volunteer fire companies as special fire  
12 police, and conferring powers on them at fires attended by their  
13 fire companies in any city, borough, town and township," amended  
14 August 10, 1959 (P.L.656, No.209), is amended to read:

15 Section 1. Any volunteer fire company in any city, borough,  
16 town or township may nominate any of its members as special fire  
17 police. All special fire police so nominated shall, before they  
18 enter upon their duties as such, be confirmed by the mayor of  
19 the city, the burgess of the borough or town, or the chairman of

1 the board of commissioners or supervisors of the township, as  
2 the case may be. When so confirmed and sworn and displaying a  
3 badge of authority they shall have full power to regulate  
4 traffic and keep crowds under control at or in the vicinity of  
5 any fire on which their companies are in attendance and to  
6 exercise such other police powers as are necessary in order to  
7 facilitate and prevent interference with the work of firemen in  
8 extinguishing fires and, in addition, shall have all police  
9 powers necessary to perform their duties when functioning as  
10 special fire police at parades, accidents, floods, or other  
11 emergencies, or at any public function conducted by or under the  
12 auspices of any volunteer fire company, at the request of the  
13 governing body of any such municipality, and when so functioning  
14 as special fire police shall be deemed to be performing the  
15 duties of their employment. The county control center may  
16 dispatch special fire police in the particular area to assist  
17 any ambulance company which has been dispatched by such control  
18 center to said area. Any special fire police so dispatched shall  
19 be subject to the authority of the officer in charge of the  
20 ambulance company.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.