

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 13-115

RESOLUTION OPPOSING A-1196

WHEREAS Public safety employees and volunteers should be adequately compensated for on-duty accidents and illnesses.

WHEREAS New Jersey's current Workers' Compensation law is already one of the broadest in the country.

WHEREAS A-1196 as currently written will make it almost impossible to contest claims from injuries and illnesses caused off-the-job.

WHEREAS this bill places the burden of proof on governmental employers to establish that an injury or illness, such as cancer, heart attack or hyper tension did not occur on the job.

WHEREAS the actuary for the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL) has estimated that A-1196 could easily double municipal Workers' Compensation expense, and

WHEREAS The MEL has offered to sit down with the supporters of this legislation to develop less expensive ways of improving the compensation to first responders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Township of Upper Deerfield that the legislature be urged to reject A-1196 and urges the supporters of this legislation to work with the MEL and representatives of other units of government to develop less expensive ways to improve compensation to first responders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to the Senate President, Assembly Speaker, members of the third legislative district, and the Governor.

Moved By: Bruce Peterson

Seconded By: John O'Neill

VOTING

James P. Crilley
John L. Daddario
John T. O'Neill, Sr.
Bruce T. Peterson
Scott Smith

| <u>In Favor</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held May 3, 2013

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk