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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 25, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 3, 1985 (P.L.164, No.45), entitled "An
2 act relating to the prevention and reduction of premature
3 death and disability in this Commonwealth; providing for
4 assistance, coordination and support of the development and
5 maintenance of a comprehensive emergency medical services
6 system and for qualifications, eligibility and certification
7 of emergency medical services personnel and licensing
8 ambulance services; imposing powers and duties on the
9 Department of Health; and making repeals," providing
10 reimbursement for continuing education and training.

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

13 Section 1. The act of July 3, 1985 (P.L.164, No.45), known
14 as the Emergency Medical Services Act, is amended by adding a
15 section to read:

16 Section 14.1. Continuing education and training reimbursement.

17 (a) Reimbursement for training courses.--The department

1 shall reimburse paramedics, emergency medical technicians and
2 health professionals functioning as paramedics or emergency
3 medical technicians for amounts expended for attendance at
4 education and training courses necessary to maintain
5 certification or recertification status as a paramedic or
6 emergency medical technician in this Commonwealth. Reimbursement
7 shall be provided for from the Emergency Medical Services
8 Operating Fund. Annual allowable reimbursement shall not exceed
9 \$750 in any fiscal year per person and may not be carried over
10 to succeeding years.

11 (b) Limitation.--Reimbursement shall be limited to course
12 fees, book fees and lab fees and shall only apply to those
13 expenses which have not been paid for from third-party sources.
14 There shall be no allowable reimbursement for expenses for
15 transportation, meals, lodging and supplies. Reimbursement is
16 authorized only for attendance at courses conducted by
17 instructors or teachers certified by and at courses approved by
18 the department.

19 (c) Certificate of attendance.--Paramedics and emergency
20 medical technicians or health professionals functioning as
21 paramedics or emergency medical technicians shall attach to the
22 reimbursement request a certificate of attendance signed by
23 their regional medical director. The certificate shall verify
24 attendance and indicate location, date, material or subject
25 covered and cost. The certificate shall also state that the
26 courses have not been paid for by third-party sources and that
27 attendance is deemed mandatory for maintaining current
28 certification or recertification status.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.