

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 11

Session of
1975

INTRODUCED BY HOLL, JANUARY 7, 1975

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JULY 24, 1975

AN ACT

1 Providing for reimbursement of costs incurred by volunteer fire,
2 ~~and~~ ambulance AND RESCUE companies for services rendered on <—
3 Commonwealth property including legal costs arising
4 therefrom; requiring the Department of Justice to provide
5 legal representation in certain cases; and making an
6 appropriation.

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

9 Section 1. The Commonwealth recognizes the desirability and
10 value of services performed in its behalf by volunteer fire,
11 ~~companies and volunteer~~ ambulance AND RESCUE companies within <—
12 this Commonwealth. The purpose of this act is to facilitate such
13 service and to encourage its continued availability.

14 Section 2. Each and every volunteer fire, ~~company or~~ <—
15 ~~volunteer~~ ambulance AND RESCUE company, OR MEMBER THEREOF, <—
16 located within this Commonwealth shall be reimbursed for legal
17 expenses incurred with respect to services performed by said
18 companies at or in connection with facilities on premises owned
19 or leased by the Commonwealth.

1 Section 3. The Department of Justice shall provide, without
2 cost to such volunteer companies, legal counsel for the purpose
3 of defending any legal action arising out of or in connection
4 with any services performed on behalf of the Commonwealth by
5 such companies with respect to such facilities or premises.

6 Section 4. In any case where a conflict of interest prevents
7 the Department of Justice from providing legal counsel as
8 provided in section 3 of this act, the Commonwealth shall
9 reimburse the volunteer fire, ~~company or volunteer~~ ambulance OR <—
10 RESCUE ambulance company OR MEMBER THEREOF for the cost incurred <—
11 by the company in defending such legal action, legal fees being
12 subject to approval by the court wherein the action is filed,
13 except that this act shall not be construed to:

14 (1) make the Commonwealth liable for any judgment or
15 liability resulting in such action by virtue of such service; or
16 (2) create a right of reimbursement from the Commonwealth to
17 such volunteer companies with respect to such liability or
18 judgment.

19 Section 5. The sum of \$100,000 or as much thereof as may be
20 necessary is hereby appropriated to the Department of Property
21 and Supplies to carry out the performance of this act.

22 Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately, provided
23 that the provisions of sections 3 and 4 shall apply to legal
24 services arising from services rendered prior to the effective
25 date of this act.