
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2539

Session of
1978

INTRODUCED BY BITTINGER, STEWART, ENGLEHART, C. GEORGE AND
LIVENGOOD, JUNE 7, 1978

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 7, 1978

AN ACT

1 Entitling firemen to reimbursement for certain academic
2 expenses; enlarging the powers and duties of the Department
3 of Community Affairs and making an appropriation.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Firemen and volunteer firemen shall be entitled
7 to reimbursement by the Commonwealth for tuition costs of
8 programs of study which are credited toward the requirements of
9 a collegiate degree in fire service technology in accredited
10 institutions in Pennsylvania. Reimbursement shall be made one
11 year after successful completion of each academic year of study.
12 It shall only be made whenever the individual applying for it is
13 still employed as a fireman in an organized fire department in
14 the Commonwealth, or is still actively engaged as a volunteer
15 fireman in an organized volunteer fire department in the
16 Commonwealth. Reimbursement requests shall be administered by
17 the Department of Community Affairs which shall have the power
18 and duty of promulgating rules and regulations for the

1 administration of the provisions of this act.

2 Section 2. The sum of \$1,000,000, or as much thereof as may
3 be necessary, is specifically appropriated from the General Fund
4 to the Department of Community Affairs for the fiscal year 1978-
5 1979 to administer the provisions of this act.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1978.