

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 2340 Session of  
1993

INTRODUCED BY MIHALICH, DeLUCA, CIVERA, PESCI, HALUSKA, McCALL, RUDY, PITTS, LESCOVITZ, DEMPSEY, CLARK, FARGO, STERN, TIGUE, VEON, KUKOVICH, ARMSTRONG, STRITTMATTER, LEH, TRICH, GEORGE, LEVDANSKY, MUNDY, SATHER, COY, BELFANTI, SCRIMENTI, TANGRETTI, TRELLO, COLAIZZO, CAWLEY, PETRARCA, RUBLEY, HENNESSEY, FAJT, MICHLOVIC, BAKER, HUTCHINSON, KING, SURRA, PISTELLA, SEMMEL, MELIO, SAYLOR, CURRY, LUCYK, DURHAM, WOZNIAK, BUNT, LAUB, DALEY, BROWN, THOMAS, CESSAR, TOMLINSON AND EGOLF, DECEMBER 8, 1993

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JANUARY 31, 1994

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 15, 1976 (P.L.1036, No.208), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act authorizing the indebtedness, with the  
3 approval of the electors, of fifty million dollars for loans  
4 to volunteer fire companies, volunteer ambulance services and  
5 volunteer rescue squads for the purpose of establishing or  
6 modernizing facilities to house fire fighting apparatus  
7 equipment, ambulances, and rescue vehicles, and for  
8 purchasing new fire fighting apparatus equipment, ambulances,  
9 and rescue vehicles, protective and communications equipment,  
10 and any other accessory equipment necessary for the proper  
11 performance of such organizations' duties," further providing  
12 for loan assistance to volunteer fire companies, ambulance  
13 service and rescue squads.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 4(b) of the act of July 15, 1976  
17 (P.L.1036, No.208), known as the Volunteer Fire Company,  
18 Ambulance Service and Rescue Squad Assistance Act, amended July  
19 11, 1990 (P.L.415, No.100), is amended to read:

1 Section 4. Assistance to Volunteer Fire Companies, Ambulance  
2 Service and Rescue Squads.--\* \* \*

3 (b) †Loans made by the department in the amount of [\$100,000 <—  
4 or more shall be for a period of not more than 15 years, loans  
5 less than \$100,000 shall be for a period of ten years, and any  
6 loan of the amount of] \$15,000 or less shall be for a period of <—  
7 not more than five ~~years.~~ YEARS. LOANS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT <—  
8 IN EXCESS OF \$15,000 BUT FOR \$50,000 OR LESS SHALL BE FOR A  
9 PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 10 YEARS. The payback period of any loan  
10 in excess of \$50,000 shall be negotiated between the volunteer  
11 fire company, ambulance service or rescue squad receiving the  
12 loan and the department BUT SHALL NOT EXCEED 15 YEARS. Loans <—  
13 shall be subject to the payment of interest at 2% per annum and  
14 shall be subject to such security as shall be determined by the  
15 department. The total amount of interest earned by the  
16 investment or reinvestment of all or any part of the principal  
17 of any loan shall be returned to the department and transferred  
18 to the Volunteer Companies Loan Fund, and shall not be credited  
19 as payment of principal or interest on the loan. The minimum  
20 amount of any loan shall be \$5,000.

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22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.