

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2340

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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 RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 8, 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. Loans made by the department in excess
8 of \$15,000 but for \$50,000 or less shall MAY be for a period of <—
9 not more than 10 TEN years. The payback period of any loan in <—
10 excess of \$50,000 shall be negotiated between the volunteer fire
11 company, ambulance service or rescue squad receiving the loan
12 and the department but shall not exceed 15 years. Loans shall be
13 subject to the payment of interest at 2% per annum and shall be
14 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.