

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SONNEY, R. STEVENSON, TRUE AND  
SIPTROTH, MARCH 6, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 6, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 13, 1995 (P.L.604, No.61), entitled  
2 "An act establishing the State Fire Commissioner within the  
3 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; transferring the  
4 Volunteer Loan Assistance Program and the State Fire Academy  
5 to the State Fire Commissioner; and making repeals," further  
6 providing for Pennsylvania State Fire Academy.

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

9 Section 1. Section 4(d) of the act of November 13, 1995  
10 (P.L.604, No.61), known as the State Fire Commissioner Act, is  
11 amended to read:

12 Section 4. Pennsylvania State Fire Academy.

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14 (d) Firefighter training and certification.--A Statewide  
15 firefighter training program shall be implemented by the  
16 commissioner to educate the fire service community about the  
17 importance of firefighter health and safety. This program shall  
18 include measures designed to increase the mobility of training

1 courses throughout this Commonwealth, to enhance firefighter  
2 accessibility to training course offerings and to improve and  
3 expand training for and response capability to emergencies with  
4 emphasis on hazardous materials incidents. The program shall  
5 also include implementation of a firefighter certification  
6 program in accordance with parameters developed by the  
7 commissioner consistent with established standards. The  
8 acquisition of physical resources to enhance Statewide  
9 capability shall be coordinated by the commissioner. For the  
10 purposes of this section, firefighter journey person  
11 certifications administered by the Pennsylvania Department of  
12 Labor and Industry shall be deemed sufficient certification for  
13 the purposes of obtaining Statewide firefighter training  
14 certification.

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