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PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 19, 2010

AN ACT

1 Establishing a Home Safety Education Grant Program to educate  
2 and protect citizens from the risk associated with carbon  
3 monoxide poisoning.

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Home Safety  
6 Education Grant Program Act.

7 Section 2. Purpose.

8 The purpose of this act is to educate and protect  
9 Pennsylvania citizens by identifying the dangers of carbon  
10 monoxide poisoning and the importance of properly using and  
11 maintaining fossil fuel-burning devices inside and outside of  
12 single and multifamily dwellings.

13 Section 3. Definitions.

14 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall

1 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
2 context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "Fire department." A volunteer fire or municipal fire  
4 department located in this Commonwealth which provides fire  
5 protection services.

6 "Fossil fuel." Coal, kerosene, oil, wood, fuel gases and  
7 other petroleum or hydrocarbon products which emit carbon  
8 monoxide as a by-product of combustion.

9 "Fund." The Home Safety Education Fund established under  
10 section 5.

11 "Program." The Home Safety Education Program established  
12 under section 4.

13 Section 4. Home Safety Education Grant Program.

14 (a) Establishment.--The Home Safety Education Grant Program  
15 is established within the Office of the State Fire Commissioner.  
16 Grants provided under the program shall be used for home safety  
17 education purposes that include, but are not limited to, the  
18 following:

19 (1) Conduct at least one public program annually to  
20 educate the public on the dangers of carbon monoxide  
21 poisoning and the proper use and maintenance of fossil fuel-  
22 burning devices, including the proper use of fuel operated  
23 generators in outside areas.

24 (2) Identify and recommend actions to lessen or  
25 eliminate all carbon monoxide poisoning hazards.

26 (3) Explain the importance of proper use, placement and  
27 maintenance of both smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in  
28 single and multifamily dwellings.

29 (4) Explain and recommend general residential fire and  
30 carbon monoxide poisoning safety and emergency practices.

1 (b) Guidelines and procedures.--The Office of the State Fire  
2 Commissioner shall develop guidelines and procedures and program  
3 materials and other information which shall be uniform and in  
4 accordance with national and generally accepted standards to  
5 implement the program.

6 Section 5. Home Safety Education Fund.

7 (a) Establishment.--There is established the Home Safety  
8 Education Fund under the Office of the State Fire Commissioner.

9 (b) Use.--The program shall be funded through moneys  
10 appropriated by the General Assembly to the fund. Nothing in  
11 this act shall prohibit the donation of funds, materials or  
12 services by an individual, for-profit or nonprofit entity for  
13 the purposes of this act. The Fire Commissioner may use a  
14 portion of the fund for materials, personnel and Statewide  
15 administrative costs, not to exceed \$100,000 in any fiscal year.

16 Section 6. Grants.

17 (a) Authorization.--The Office of the State Fire  
18 Commissioner is authorized to make grants from the fund to fire  
19 departments for the purpose of educating citizens on identifying  
20 the dangers of residential fires and carbon monoxide poisoning  
21 and the importance of proper use and maintenance of fossil fuel-  
22 burning devices.

23 (b) Limits.--Individual grants administered by the Office of  
24 the State Fire Commissioner to fire departments shall not exceed  
25 \$500. A fire department shall not receive more than one grant  
26 annually.

27 Section 7. Effective date.

28 This act shall take effect in 120 days.