THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MAY 29, 2019

AN ACT

Amending the act of October 24, 2012 (P.L.1209, No.151), 1 entitled, "An act regulating child labor; conferring powers 2 and duties on the Department of Labor and Industry and the 3 Department of Education; imposing penalties; and making a repeal," further providing for minors serving in volunteer 5 emergency service organizations. 6 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 8 hereby enacts as follows: 9 Section 1. Section 7(a)(6) of the the act of October 24, 10 2012 (P.L.1209, No.151), known as the Child Labor Act, is amended to read: 11 12 Section 7. Minors serving in volunteer emergency service 13 organizations. General rule. -- An individual who is 14 years of age or 14 15 older who is a member of a volunteer emergency service 16 organization may participate in training and emergency service 17 activities except as follows: 18

(6) A minor may not engage in firefighting activities

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- 1 unless all of the following apply:
- 2 (i) The minor is 16 years of age or older.
- (ii) The minor has successfully completed a course
 of training equal to the standards for basic firefighting
 established by the State Fire Commissioner [and the
 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources].
- 7 (iii) The minor is under the direct supervision and 8 control of the fire chief, an experienced line officer or 9 a designated forest fire warden.
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- 11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.