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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 23, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in grants to fire companies and
3 emergency medical services companies, further providing for
4 definitions and for award of grants.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 7802 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
9 § 7802. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 "Firehouse." A station under the control of a fire company
15 that contains a full array of firefighting apparatus and
16 equipment and is used by firefighters to provide fire protection
17 or rescue services. The State Fire Commissioner shall have final

1 determination as to whether a station is a firehouse.

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3 Section 2. Section 7813(b) of Title 35, amended November 3,
4 2022 (P.L.1674, No.104), is amended to read:

5 § 7813. Award of grants.

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7 (b) Limits.--

8 (1) Except as provided in [~~paragraph (3)~~] paragraphs (3)
9 and (3.1), grants shall be not less than \$2,500 and not more
10 than \$20,000 per fire company.

11 (2) Grants may be awarded on a pro rata basis if the
12 total dollar amount of the approved application exceeds the
13 amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this
14 purpose.

15 (3) In a municipality where there are two or more
16 volunteer fire companies and if two or more volunteer fire
17 companies consolidated their use of equipment, firefighters
18 and services within 20 years preceding the date of the
19 current year application submission deadline, the
20 consolidated entity shall be deemed eligible to receive a
21 grant not to exceed the amount of the combined total for
22 which the individual companies would have been eligible had
23 they not consolidated.

24 (3.1) If a fire company has more than one firehouse,
25 grants shall be not less than \$2,500 and not more than
26 \$15,000 per firehouse.

27 (4) A fire company may only apply for a grant for up to
28 five years for the purpose under subsection (e).

29 (5) In a municipality where one volunteer fire company
30 and one EMS company consolidate their use of equipment,

1 personnel and services within 20 years preceding the date of
2 the current year application submission deadline, the
3 consolidated entity shall be deemed eligible to receive a
4 grant not to exceed the amount of the combined total for
5 which the individual companies would have been eligible had
6 they not consolidated.

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8 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.