

## AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1019

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 16, by inserting after "program;"  
2 and providing for online training for firefighters; in  
3 volunteer firefighters, further providing for funds;

4 Amend Bill, page 2, line 4, by inserting after "interests;"  
5 in grants to fire companies and emergency medical services  
6 companies, further providing for award of grants; in  
7 incentives for municipal volunteers of fire companies and  
8 nonprofit emergency medical services agencies, further  
9 providing for program authorization;

10 Amend Bill, page 29, lines 11 and 12, by striking out "  
11 7320, 7501, 7502, 7503, 7504, 7511, 7512, 7513, 7514 and 7515"  
12 and inserting  
13 and 7320

14 Amend Bill, page 45, by inserting between lines 28 and 29  
15 Section 5.1. Title 35 is amended by adding a section to  
16 read:

17 \$ 7388. Online training for firefighters.

18 (a) General rule.--Under section 2413 of the act of March 4,  
19 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, the  
20 Office of the State Fire Commissioner shall establish guidelines  
21 for the use of money deposited into the Online Training Educator  
22 and Training Reimbursement Account and dedicated for the  
23 purposes of developing, delivering and sustaining training  
24 programs for firefighters. The guidelines shall provide that the  
25 money be used for online training for volunteer and career  
26 firefighters and shall include, at a minimum, the following:

27 (1) Participation in the training shall be on a  
28 voluntary basis.

29 (2) The training shall be offered free of charge.

30 (3) The training shall be incorporated into the Train PA  
31 system.

32 (b) Prioritization.--In establishing online training  
33 courses, the commissioner shall prioritize specific topics.

1 (c) Certificate of completion.--The commissioner shall  
2 provide a certificate of completion to an individual who  
3 successfully completes an online training program.

4 (d) Publication.--The Office of the State Fire Commissioner  
5 shall post a complete listing of the available online training  
6 courses on the office's publicly accessible Internet website.

7 Section 5.2. Section 7416(f) of Title 35 is amended by  
8 adding a paragraph to read:  
9 § 7416. Funds.

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11 (f) Use.--Funds of any volunteer firefighters' relief  
12 association may be spent:

13 \* \* \*

14 (18) To defray the cost of obtaining or renewing a  
15 commercial driver's license under 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 16 (relating  
16 to commercial drivers) for a volunteer firefighter who is a  
17 resident of this Commonwealth to operate a fire or emergency  
18 vehicle registered to the fire department or municipality.

19 Section 5.3. Sections 7501, 7502, 7503, 7504, 7511, 7512,  
20 7513, 7514 and 7515 of Title 35 are amended to read:

21 Amend Bill, page 92, by inserting between lines 15 and 16

22 Section 13. Sections 7813(a) and 7823(a) of Title 35 are  
23 amended by adding paragraphs to read:  
24 § 7813. Award of grants.

25 (a) Authorization.--The agency is authorized to make a grant  
26 award to each eligible fire company for the following:

27 \* \* \*

28 (6) Body armor or other protective gear worn on the body  
29 and meant to provide protection from weapons.

30 \* \* \*

31 § 7823. Award of grants.

32 (a) Authorization.--The agency is authorized to make a grant  
33 award to each eligible EMS company for the following:

34 \* \* \*

35 (5) Body armor or other protective gear worn on the body  
36 and meant to provide protection from weapons.

37 \* \* \*

38 Section 14. Section 79A11 of Title 35 is amended by adding a  
39 subsection to read:

40 § 79A11. Program authorization.

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42 (e) Guidelines.--The commissioner shall provide guidelines  
43 on the tax credit program to municipalities.

44 Amend Bill, page 92, line 16, by striking out "13" and  
45 inserting

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47 Amend Bill, page 92, line 24, by striking out "14" and

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