AN ACT

Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in grants to fire companies and emergency medical services companies, providing for COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program.

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

Section 1. Chapter 78 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

SUBCHAPTER C.1

COVID-19 CRISIS FIRE COMPANY AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM

Sec.

7823.1. Establishment.

7823.2. Publication and notice.
§ 7823.1. Establishment.

The COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program is established and shall be administered by the agency. Grants provided under the program shall be used by fire companies and EMS companies to provide services during the novel coronavirus pandemic as identified in the Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on March 6, 2020.

§ 7823.2. Publication and notice.

The agency shall transmit notice of the COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program availability to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 30 days of the effective date of this section.

§ 7823.3. Award of grants.

(a) Authorization.--The agency shall make a grant award from the COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program to:

(1) Each eligible fire company that received a grant award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7813 (relating to award of grants) for the purposes under section 7813(a) and (a.1).

(2) Each eligible EMS company that received a grant award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7823 (relating to award of grants) for the purposes under section 7823(a).

(b) Amount of award.--The amount of the grant award under this subchapter shall be the same amount of the grant award for fiscal year 2019-2020 to:

(1) An eligible fire company under section 7813.

(2) An eligible EMS company under section 7823.
(c) Application not required.--No additional application shall be required for a grant under this subchapter.

Section 2. Title 35 is amended by adding sections to read:

§ 7832.2. COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of $30,000,000 shall be transferred from the Volunteer Companies Loan Fund to the agency for purposes of making grants under Subchapter C.1 (relating to COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program). The following shall apply:

(1) The sum of $27,000,000 of the amount transferred shall be expended for the purpose of making grants to eligible fire companies.

(2) The sum of $3,000,000 of the amount transferred shall be expended for the purpose of making grants to eligible EMS companies.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the agency may use up to $200,000 of unencumbered funds from the amount transferred for administrative costs for the implementation of Subchapter C.1.

§ 7841.1. Expiration of authority relating to COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program.

The authority of the agency to award grants under Subchapter C.1 (relating to COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program) shall expire 180 days after the effective date of this section.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.