THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 28, 2020

AN ACT

Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in COVID-19 Disaster Emergency, providing for Emergency Appropriations for Institutional and home-based care; in volunteer firefighters, further providing for funds; and, 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 57 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

SUBCHAPTER F

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR INSTITUTIONAL AND HOME-BASED CARE

Sec.

5751. Response to COVID-19 disaster emergency.

§ 5751. Response to COVID-19 disaster emergency.

(a) Construction with General Appropriation Act of 2019. All appropriations contained in this section from the COVID-19
Response Restricted Account shall be in addition to any appropriation under the act of June 28, 2019 (P.L., No.1A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2019.

(b) Appropriations to Department of Human Services.-- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are appropriated from the COVID-19 Response Restricted Account to the Department of Human Services for the 2019-2020 fiscal year:

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for "Medical Assistance - Long-Term Care":

(1) "COVID - Medical Assistance - Long-Term Care."

Federal appropriation..... 449,000,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for "Medical Assistance - Long Term Care - Managed Care":

(1) "COVID - Medical Assistance - Long Term Care - Managed Care."

Federal appropriation..... 8,000,000

The following Federal amounts are appropriated to supplement the sum appropriated for "Community HealthChoices":

(1) "COVID - Community
Section 2. Section 7416(f) of Title 35 is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

SECTION 1. SECTION 7416(F) OF TITLE 35 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED BY ADDING A PARAGRAPH TO READ:

§ 7416. Funds.

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

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(18) To pay for expenses for cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting of equipment and property, or other expenses incurred to prevent the spread of communicable illnesses.

Section 32. Chapter 78 of Title 35 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.
7823.3. Award of grants.

§ 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 proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor 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:

(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) A fire company that did not apply for or receive a grant award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7813 and that applies for a grant under this subchapter for the purposes under section 7813(a) and (a.1).

(3) 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).

(4) An EMS company that did not apply for or receive a grant award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7823 and that applies for a grant under this subchapter 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.--
  (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), no
additional application shall be required for a grant under
this subchapter.
  (2) A fire company under subsection (a)(2) and an EMS
company under subsection (a)(4) must file an application for
a grant under this subchapter.
Section 43. 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
$31,000,000 is appropriated THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY TO ANY
APPROPRIATION from money received by the Commonwealth under the
Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) 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 $26,400,000 $44,000,000 of the amount
appropriated shall be expended for the purpose of making
grants to eligible fire companies.
  (2) The sum of $4,600,000 $6,000,000 of the amount
appropriated 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
appropriated 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 six months after the effective date of this section.

Section § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.