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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 13**

Session of  
1975

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. PANCOAST, SCIRICA, BEREN, MEBUS, POLITE,  
WEIDNER, BUTERA, HASAY, MCGINNIS, MRS. FAWCETT, MESSRS. PYLES,  
McCLATCHY, YOHN AND MORRIS, JANUARY 20, 1975

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 20, 1975

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AN ACT

1 Authorizing volunteer fire companies and members thereof to  
2 enter State premises to fight fire under certain conditions;  
3 and providing for legal advice from the Attorney General for  
4 such persons in certain cases.

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

7 Section 1. When requested by a State officer or his deputy  
8 serving as custodian of the premises, a volunteer fire company  
9 or any member thereof is authorized to enter Commonwealth-owned  
10 premises for the purpose of fighting a fire.

11 Section 2. The Attorney General shall provide free legal  
12 assistance to any volunteer fire company or fireman who has  
13 entered State lands and premises for the purpose of fighting a  
14 fire when such volunteer fireman or fire company is joined as a  
15 defendant in any civil action arising out of the performance of  
16 his or its duty under this act in fighting a fire after entering  
17 State premises on proper request.

18 Section 3. The provisions of this act shall be retroactive

1 to January 1, 1974.

2 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.