

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2898** Session of  
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PETERSON, BOWSER, MACKOWSKI AND STUBAN, SEPTEMBER 15, 1980

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 15, 1980

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 15, 1976 (P.L.1036, No.208), entitled  
2 "An act authorizing the indebtedness, with the approval of  
3 the electors, of ten million dollars for loans to volunteer  
4 fire companies, volunteer ambulance services and volunteer  
5 rescue squads for the purpose of establishing or modernizing  
6 facilities to house fire fighting apparatus equipment,  
7 ambulances, and rescue vehicles, and for purchasing new fire  
8 fighting apparatus equipment, ambulances, and rescue  
9 vehicles, protective and communications equipment, and any  
10 other accessory equipment necessary for the proper  
11 performance of such organizations' duties," further providing  
12 for the definitions of "facilities" and "volunteer fire  
13 company".

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

16 Section 1. The definitions of "facilities" and "volunteer  
17 fire company" in section 3, act of July 15, 1976 (P.L.1036,  
18 No.208), known as the "Volunteer Fire Company, Ambulance Service  
19 and Rescue Squad Assistance Act," are amended to read:

20 Section 3. Definitions.--As used in this act:

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22 "Facilities" means facilities used to house fire fighting  
23 equipment, ambulances and rescue vehicles and facilities used in

1 the instruction and training of members of volunteer fire  
2 companies in the prevention, control and fighting of fires, and  
3 in related fire department emergencies, and shall not include  
4 meeting halls, social rooms, or any other facilities not  
5 directly related to fire fighting.

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7 "Volunteer fire company" means any nonprofit chartered  
8 corporation, association or organization located in this  
9 Commonwealth which provides fire protection services and other  
10 voluntary emergency services or which provides instruction and  
11 training to members of volunteer fire companies in the  
12 preventing, control and fighting of fire, and in related fire  
13 department emergencies, within the Commonwealth. Voluntary  
14 emergency services provided by a volunteer fire company may  
15 include voluntary ambulance and voluntary rescue services.  
16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.