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INTRODUCED BY MAITLAND, FLEAGLE, GEORGE, HENNESSEY, NICKOL,  
B. SMITH, SOLOBAY AND TIGUE, FEBRUARY 6, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, FEBRUARY 6, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), entitled, as  
2 reenacted and amended, "An act defining the liability of an  
3 employer to pay damages for injuries received by an employe  
4 in the course of employment; establishing an elective  
5 schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the  
6 determination of liability and compensation thereunder; and  
7 prescribing penalties," further providing for rescue  
8 volunteers.

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

11 Section 1. Section 601 of the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736,  
12 No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, reenacted and  
13 amended June 21, 1939 (P.L.520, No.281), is amended by adding a  
14 clause to read:

15 Section 601. \* \* \*

16 (e) Each municipality which does not have a fire company,  
17 ambulance corps, quick response service, rescue and lifesaving  
18 squad, hazardous material support team or a certified municipal  
19 emergency management coordinator, or hazardous materials  
20 response team located within its corporate limits and which

1 receives fire protection services, ambulance services including  
2 emergency medical services and quick response services,  
3 emergency management services, rescue and lifesaving services,  
4 hazardous material support services or certified hazardous  
5 materials response services from the volunteer fire company,  
6 volunteer ambulance corps, volunteer quick response service,  
7 volunteer rescue and lifesaving squad, municipal emergency  
8 management coordinator, volunteer hazardous material support  
9 service or certified hazardous materials response team of  
10 another municipality pursuant to a contract, standing agreement  
11 or arrangement shall reimburse the municipality in which the  
12 volunteer fire company, volunteer ambulance corps, volunteer  
13 quick response service, volunteer rescue and lifesaving squad,  
14 municipal emergency management coordinator, volunteer hazardous  
15 material support service or certified hazardous materials  
16 response team is located for a portion of the cost of the  
17 workers' compensation premiums covering members of the volunteer  
18 fire company, volunteer ambulance corps, volunteer quick  
19 response service, volunteer rescue and lifesaving squad,  
20 municipal emergency management coordinator, volunteer hazardous  
21 material support service or certified hazardous materials  
22 response team. The appropriate portion of the cost shall be  
23 determined by multiplying the entire cost of the premium by the  
24 percentage that the individual municipality's population served  
25 by such volunteer fire company, volunteer ambulance corps,  
26 volunteer quick response service, volunteer rescue and  
27 lifesaving squad, municipal emergency management coordinator,  
28 volunteer hazardous material support service or certified  
29 hazardous materials response team bears to the total population  
30 served by such volunteer fire company, volunteer ambulance

1 corps, volunteer quick response service, volunteer rescue and  
2 lifesaving squad, municipal emergency management coordinator,  
3 volunteer hazardous material support service or certified  
4 hazardous materials response team: Provided, however, That no  
5 segment of the population shall be included in more than one  
6 service area for purposes of calculating workers' compensation  
7 premiums under this clause. In the event that the "first due  
8 area" for fire response and emergency medical service response  
9 differ within a municipality, then payments by that municipality  
10 shall be calculated using the first due area for fire response.  
11 Nothing in this clause shall prevent the municipalities from  
12 agreeing to share the cost on some other basis.

13       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.