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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 19, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 13, 1995 (P.L.604, No.61), entitled
2 "An act establishing the State Fire Commissioner within the
3 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; transferring the
4 Volunteer Loan Assistance Program and the State Fire Academy
5 to the State Fire Commissioner; and making repeals," further
6 providing for Pennsylvania State Fire Academy.

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

9 Section 1. Section 4(d) of the act of November 13, 1995
10 (P.L.604, No.61), known as the State Fire Commissioner Act, is
11 amended to read:

12 Section 4. Pennsylvania State Fire Academy.

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14 (d) Firefighter training and certification.--A Statewide
15 firefighter training program shall be implemented by the
16 commissioner to educate the fire service community about the
17 importance of firefighter health and safety. This program shall

1 include measures designed to increase the mobility of training
2 courses throughout this Commonwealth, to enhance firefighter
3 accessibility to training course offerings and to improve and
4 expand training for and response capability to emergencies with
5 emphasis on hazardous materials incidents. The program shall
6 also include implementation of a firefighter certification
7 program in accordance with parameters developed by the
8 commissioner consistent with established standards. Firefighter
9 certification standards developed by the State Fire Commissioner
10 shall not violate a person's religious freedoms. The acquisition
11 of physical resources to enhance Statewide capability shall be
12 coordinated by the commissioner.

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.