

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), entitled  
2 "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending,  
3 revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," in  
4 fire bureau, providing for emergency services reimbursement.

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

7 Section 1. The act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), known  
8 as The Third Class City Code, reenacted and amended March 19,  
9 2014 (P.L.52, No.22), is amended by adding a section to read:

10 Section 2110. Emergency Services Reimbursement.--(a) The  
11 Commonwealth shall annually reimburse a city for emergency  
12 services provided by the city at property owned or leased by the  
13 Commonwealth within the city from the fund established under  
14 subsection (b). The reimbursement may not be less than five  
15 million dollars in any fiscal year and shall increase each year  
16 according to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index  
17 for All Urban Consumers for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey,  
18 Delaware and Maryland area as officially reported by the United  
19 States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

1     (b) There is hereby established in the State Treasury a  
2 special fund to be known as the Third Class City Emergency  
3 Services Reimbursement Fund. Money in the fund is annually  
4 appropriated to the city for the purposes authorized under this  
5 section. The Commonwealth shall transfer one and four-tenths per  
6 centum of the funds collected as the realty transfer tax under  
7 Article XI-C of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as  
8 the "Tax Reform Code of 1971," from the General Fund into the  
9 fund.

10     (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
11 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
12 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

13     "City" shall mean a city of the third class where all of the  
14 following apply:

15     (1) The city has a population of not less than forty  
16 thousand and not more than fifty-five thousand residents based  
17 on the most recent Federal decennial census.

18     (2) The city is located in a county of the third class.

19     (3) At least fifteen per centum of the property in the city  
20 is owned or leased by the Commonwealth.

21     "Emergency services" shall mean services provided by a fire,  
22 ambulance or rescue company.

23     "Fund" shall mean the Third Class City Emergency Services  
24 Reimbursement Fund.

25     Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.