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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 6, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in grants to fire companies and
3 emergency medical services companies, providing for COVID-19
4 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant
5 Program.

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

8 Section 1. Chapter 78 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

10 SUBCHAPTER C.1

11 COVID-19 CRISIS FIRE COMPANY AND

12 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM

13 Sec.

14 7823.1. Establishment.

15 7823.2. Publication and notice.

1 7823.3. Award of grants.

2 § 7823.1. Establishment.

3 The COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical
4 Services Grant Program is established and shall be administered
5 by the agency. Grants provided under the program shall be used
6 by fire companies and EMS companies to provide services during
7 the novel coronavirus pandemic as identified in the Governor's
8 Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on March 6, 2020.

9 § 7823.2. Publication and notice.

10 The agency shall transmit notice of the COVID-19 Crisis Fire
11 Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program
12 availability to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication
13 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 30 days of the effective
14 date of this section.

15 § 7823.3. Award of grants.

16 (a) Authorization.--The agency shall make a grant award from
17 the COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services
18 Grant Program to:

19 (1) Each eligible fire company that received a grant
20 award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7813 (relating
21 to award of grants) for the purposes under section 7813(a)
22 and (a.1)).

23 (2) Each eligible EMS company that received a grant
24 award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7823 (relating
25 to award of grants) for the purposes under section 7823(a).

26 (b) Amount of award.--The amount of the grant award under
27 this subchapter shall be the same amount of the grant award for
28 fiscal year 2019-2020 to:

29 (1) An eligible fire company under section 7813.

30 (2) An eligible EMS company under section 7823.

1 (c) Application not required.--No additional application
2 shall be required for a grant under this subchapter.

3 Section 2. Title 35 is amended by adding sections to read:
4 § 7832.2. COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical
5 Services Grant Program.

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of
7 \$30,000,000 shall be transferred from the Volunteer Companies
8 Loan Fund to the agency for purposes of making grants under
9 Subchapter C.1 (relating to COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and
10 Emergency Medical Services Grant Program). The following shall
11 apply:

12 (1) The sum of \$27,000,000 of the amount transferred
13 shall be expended for the purpose of making grants to
14 eligible fire companies.

15 (2) The sum of \$3,000,000 of the amount transferred
16 shall be expended for the purpose of making grants to
17 eligible EMS companies.

18 (3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the agency
19 may use up to \$200,000 of unencumbered funds from the amount
20 transferred for administrative costs for the implementation
21 of Subchapter C.1.

22 § 7841.1. Expiration of authority relating to COVID-19 Crisis
23 Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant
24 Program.

25 The authority of the agency to award grants under Subchapter
26 C.1 (relating to COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency
27 Medical Services Grant Program) shall expire 180 days after the
28 effective date of this section.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.