

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR BROWNE, APPROPRIATIONS, AS AMENDED, APRIL 29, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, IN COVID-19 DISASTER EMERGENCY, <--
3 PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR INSTITUTIONAL
4 CARE; AND, in grants to fire companies and emergency medical
5 services companies, providing for COVID-19 Crisis Fire
6 Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program.

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

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

11 SECTION 1. CHAPTER 57 OF TITLE 35 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <--
12 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBCHAPTER TO READ:

SUBCHAPTER F

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR INSTITUTIONAL CARE

SEC.

5751. RESPONSE TO COVID-19 DISASTER EMERGENCY.

§ 5751. RESPONSE TO COVID-19 DISASTER EMERGENCY.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE SUM OF

1 \$200,000,000 IS APPROPRIATED FROM MONEY RECEIVED BY THE  
2 COMMONWEALTH UNDER THE FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND  
3 ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (PUBLIC LAW 116-136) FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
4 MAKING PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF ELIGIBLE PERSONS UNDER SECTION  
5 443.1 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 13, 1967 (P.L.31, NO.21), KNOWN AS THE  
6 HUMAN SERVICES CODE, WHOSE INSTITUTIONAL CARE IS PRESCRIBED BY  
7 PHYSICIANS.

8 SECTION 2. CHAPTER 78 OF TITLE 35 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A  
9 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.

16 7823.3. Award of grants.

17 § 7823.1. Establishment.

18 The COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical  
19 Services Grant Program is established and shall be administered  
20 by the agency. Grants provided under the program shall be used  
21 by fire companies and EMS companies to provide services during  
22 the novel coronavirus pandemic as identified in the proclamation  
23 of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020,  
24 published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of  
25 the state of disaster emergency.

26 § 7823.2. Publication and notice.

27 The agency shall transmit notice of the COVID-19 Crisis Fire  
28 Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program  
29 availability to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication  
30 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 30 days of the effective

1 date of this section.

2 § 7823.3. Award of grants.

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

6 (1) Each eligible fire company that received a grant  
7 award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7813 (relating  
8 to award of grants) for the purposes under section 7813(a)  
9 and (a.1).

10 (2) A fire company that did not apply for or receive a  
11 grant award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7813 and  
12 that applies for a grant under this subchapter for the  
13 purposes under section 7813(a) and (a.1).

14 (3) Each eligible EMS company that received a grant  
15 award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7823 (relating  
16 to award of grants) for the purposes under section 7823(a).

17 (4) An EMS company that did not apply for or receive a  
18 grant award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7823 and  
19 that applies for a grant under this subchapter for the  
20 purposes under section 7823(a).

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

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

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

26 (c) Application not required.--

27 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), no  
28 additional application shall be required for a grant under  
29 this subchapter.

30 (2) A fire company under subsection (a)(2) and an EMS

1 company under subsection (a) (4) must file an application for  
2 a grant under this subchapter.

3 Section 2 3. 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 allocated \$31,000,000 IS APPROPRIATED from <--  
8 money received by the Commonwealth under the Federal Coronavirus  
9 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) for  
10 purposes of making grants under Subchapter C.1 (relating to  
11 COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services  
12 Grant Program). The following shall apply:

13 (1) The sum of ~~\$27,000,000~~ \$26,400,000 of the amount <--  
14 ~~allocated~~ APPROPRIATED shall be expended for the purpose of <--  
15 making grants to eligible fire companies.

16 (2) The sum of ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$4,600,000 of the amount <--  
17 ~~allocated~~ APPROPRIATED shall be expended for the purpose of <--  
18 making grants to eligible EMS companies.

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

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

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

30 Section 3 4. This act shall take effect immediately. <--