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Senate of Pennsylvania

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Timothy J. Solobay

SUBJECT: Cosponsorship - Firefighter's Relief Assoc. Funds for EMS training.

DATE: January 25, 2011

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that would amend the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association Act by adding a section to allow for the use of relief funds to pay for emergency medical service training, including Basic Life Support training.

As the law currently stands, relief association funds are not permitted to be used for this type of training – only "bona fide firefighters' training schools." Allowing for this expansion will in no way jeopardize or limit opportunities to firefighters.

These training opportunities are of vital importance to first responders in emergency situations, a role that is often filled by volunteer firefighters. This is a valuable resource that will greatly assist the emergency services community.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Mary at mflaherty@pasenate.com or by phone at 787-1463.

Thank you.