

HEALTH AND SAFETY (35 PA.C.S.) - ONLINE TRAINING FOR
FIREFIGHTERS AND RELATED REPEAL

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AN ACT

Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, providing for online training for firefighters; and making a related repeal.

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

Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 7388. Online training for firefighters.

(a) **Duty to establish guidelines.**--The commissioner shall establish guidelines for the development, delivery and maintenance of an online system of firefighter training for firefighters. The guidelines shall state, at a minimum, that the training is voluntary and offered free of charge.

(b) **Prioritization training program.**--The training program shall be incorporated into the Train PA system or any other system approved by the commissioner, and the courses or programs offered must be, to the greatest extent possible, courses or programs that do not require hands-on or field training and provide, at a minimum, basic-level training for firefighters.

(c) **Prioritization.**--In establishing online training courses, the commissioner shall prioritize specific topics.

(d) **Certificate of completion.**--The commissioner shall provide a certificate of completion to a firefighter who successfully completes an online firefighter training program.

(e) **Publication.**--The Office of the State Fire Commissioner shall post a complete listing of the available online firefighter training courses on the office's publicly accessible Internet website.

(f) **Funding.**--The commissioner shall use money in the Online Training Educator and Training Reimbursement Account established under section 2413(a)(2) of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, for the purpose of administering this section.

(g) **Reporting.**-- By December 31 each year, the commissioner shall provide a written report detailing the use of the Online Training Educator and Training Reimbursement Account from the prior fiscal year to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the Senate, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives and the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of Representatives.

Section 2. Repeals are as follows:

(1) The General Assembly finds that the repeals under paragraphs (2) and (3) are necessary to effectuate the addition of 35 Pa.C.S. § 7388.

(2) Section 2413(a)(3) of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is repealed.

(3) Section 2413(a)(2) of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 is repealed to the extent of any inconsistency with this act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED--The 27th day of November, A.D. 2019.

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