

HEALTH AND SAFETY (35 PA.C.S.) AND VEHICLE CODE (75 PA.C.S.) -
SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, EMS COSTS AND ACCELERATED
REHABILITATIVE DISPOSITION

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AN ACT

Amending Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency medical services system, further providing for support of emergency medical services; in general provisions, further providing for EMS costs; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition.

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

Section 1. Section 8153(c) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 8153. Support of emergency medical services.

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(c) Purpose of fund.--Except as provided under subsection (d), 75% of the money from the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund shall be disbursed by the department [for only] **in** the following [uses] **manner**:

(1) To [eligible] EMS agencies [for applicable purposes stated under], **in accordance with** section 8112(c) (relating to contracts and grants)[, with at least 10% of these funds to be allocated to provide additional financial assistance for those EMS systems serving rural areas.], **30% of funds must be allocated to specifically provide training to underserved rural areas. Not less than 10% of funds shall be provided to EMS agencies to assist with medical equipment purchases for ambulances.**

(2) To the board for the performance of duties imposed upon it under this chapter.

(3) To regional EMS councils for the development, maintenance and improvement of EMS systems, including ambulance and communications equipment, and for training, education and EMS agency licensure purposes.

(4) To other contractors and grantees as authorized under section 8112(j).

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(f) **Review by Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.--The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee shall review court records to ensure that money for the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund is being properly collected and deposited into the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund. The review shall be completed within one year of the effective date of this subsection and shall include recommendations as to any appropriate action to be taken. In conducting the review, the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee shall examine the pertinent records of the past five years of all courts required to impose costs under 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 3121 and 3807(b)(1)(ix).**

Section 2. Sections 3121 and 3807(b) (1) (ix) of Title 75 are amended to read:

§ 3121. EMS costs.

In addition to any other costs that may be imposed under this part for a traffic violation, except for a parking violation, a cost of [\$10] **\$20** shall be imposed. Moneys collected shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund.

§ 3807. Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition.

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(b) Evaluation and treatment.--

(1) A defendant offered Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition for a violation of section 3802 is, as a condition of participation in the program, subject to the following requirements in addition to any other conditions of participation imposed by the court:

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(ix) The defendant shall pay a cost of [\$25] **\$50** which shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect in 120 days.

APPROVED--The 29th day of October, A.D. 2020.

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