

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR REGAN, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS AMENDED, MARCH 19, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, providing
3 for online training for firefighters.

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

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

8 § 7388. Online training for firefighters.

9 (a) General rule.--Under section 2413 of the act of March 4,
10 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, the
11 Office of the State Fire Commissioner shall establish guidelines
12 for the use of money deposited into the Online Training Educator
13 and Training Reimbursement Account and dedicated for the
14 purposes of developing, delivering and sustaining training
15 programs for firefighters. The guidelines shall provide that the
16 money be used for online training for volunteer and FIREFIGHTERS <--

1 AND, NOTWITHSTANDING THE DEPOSIT FOR ONLY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS
2 UNDER SECTION 2413(A) (2) OF THE TAX REFORM CODE OF 1971, career
3 firefighters and shall include, at a minimum, the following:

4 (1) Participation in the training shall be on a
5 voluntary basis.

6 (2) The training shall be offered free of charge.

7 (3) The training shall be incorporated into the Train PA
8 system.

9 (b) Prioritization.--In establishing online training
10 courses, the commissioner shall prioritize specific topics.

11 (c) Certificate of completion.--The commissioner shall
12 provide a certificate of completion to an individual who
13 successfully completes an online training program.

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

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.