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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 6, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 15, 1976 (P.L.1036, No.208), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act authorizing the indebtedness, with the
3 approval of the electors, of fifty million dollars for loans
4 to volunteer fire companies, volunteer ambulance services and
5 volunteer rescue squads for the purpose of establishing or
6 modernizing facilities to house fire fighting apparatus
7 equipment, ambulances, and rescue vehicles, and for
8 purchasing new fire fighting apparatus equipment, ambulances,
9 and rescue vehicles, protective and communications equipment,
10 and any other accessory equipment necessary for the proper
11 performance of such organizations' duties," adding a
12 definition.

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

15 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of July 15, 1976 (P.L.1036,
16 No.208), known as the Volunteer Fire Company, Ambulance Service
17 and Rescue Squad Assistance Act, is amended by adding a
18 definition to read:

19 Section 3. Definitions.--As used in this act:

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21 "National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards" means

apparatus and equipment, including personal protective equipment, shall be deemed to meet the requirements of compliance with the applicable standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) provided:

(1) New apparatus shall be constructed to meet or exceed the standards in effect at the time of manufacture.

(2) Used firefighting apparatus shall:

(i) in no instance, meet lesser requirements than the standards for apparatus adopted by the National Fire Protection Association in 1991; and

(ii) beginning with the effective date of this amendatory act, meet the National Fire Protection Association standards for apparatus in effect at the time of original manufacture:

Provided, however, that no loans shall be considered or made for apparatus that cannot meet the National Fire Protection Association standards in effect within 12 years of the date of the application for loan financing.

(3) New equipment shall meet or exceed the standards in effect at the time of original manufacture.

(4) Used equipment shall meet or exceed the standards in effect at the time of original manufacture, however, no loans for used equipment shall be considered or made for equipment more than five years old at the time of application for loan assistance.

(5) In every instance, used equipment and apparatus shall meet the applicable National Fire Protection Association standards, as required above, at the time loan funds are advanced.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.