
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, JULY 9,
2009

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 9, 1990 (P.L.340, No.78), entitled "An
2 act providing for a Statewide emergency telephone number 911
3 system; providing for contributions from telephone
4 subscribers; providing a penalty; and making a repeal,"
5 further providing for expenditures for nonrecurring costs,
6 training, mobile communications equipment, maintenance and
7 operation of 911 systems, and for disbursement of fund
8 amounts by agency.

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

11 Section 1. Section 8(b) of the act of July 9, 1990 (P.L.340,
12 No.78), known as the Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act,
13 amended February 12, 1998 (P.L.64, No.17), is amended to read:

14 Section 8. Expenditures for nonrecurring costs, training,
15 mobile communications equipment, maintenance and
16 operation of 911 systems.

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18 (b) Items included in nonrecurring costs, training, mobile
19 communications equipment, maintenance and operation costs.--
20 Maintenance and operation costs may include telephone company
21 charges, equipment costs or equipment lease charges, repairs,

1 utilities, development and maintenance of a master street
2 address guide, erection of street signs on State and local
3 highways, data base maintenance costs, personnel training,
4 salary and benefit costs which are directly related to the
5 provision of 911 services and costs for mobile communications
6 equipment, audit costs and appropriate carryover costs from
7 previous years. Maintenance and operation costs shall not
8 include any cost necessary to house the 911 system. No more than
9 [70%] 80% of the contribution rate collected during each
10 county's fiscal year may be utilized to fund personnel training,
11 salary and benefit costs.

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13 Section 2. Section 11.5(b) of the act, added December 30,
14 2003 (P.L.384, No.56), is amended to read:

15 Section 11.5. Disbursement of fund amounts by agency.

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17 (b) Limitations on use of fund amounts by PSAPs.--No PSAP
18 shall receive a disbursement from the fund for any cost
19 necessary to house the wireless E-911 system or for the purchase
20 of real estate, cosmetic remodeling, ambulances, fire engines or
21 other emergency vehicles, utilities, taxes and other expenses as
22 determined by the agency. No more than [70%] 80% of the
23 disbursements which a PSAP receives from the fund during the
24 agency's fiscal year may be utilized to fund personnel training,
25 salary and benefit costs.

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