
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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BOSCOLA, FARNESE AND KASUNIC, JANUARY 13, 2014

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
JANUARY 13, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for eligibility and
3 for amounts of assistance.

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

6 Section 1. Section 8503(3) of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is repealed:

8 § 8503. Eligibility.

9 In order to qualify for the Veterans' Emergency Assistance
10 Program, applicants must demonstrate that:

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12 [(3) They are not receiving monetary assistance payable
13 under the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the
14 Public Welfare Code.]

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16 Section 2. Section 8504(a) and (c) of Title 51 are amended
17 and the section is amended by adding subsections to read:

1 § 8504. Amounts of assistance.

2 (a) Maximum amount.--[In no event shall] Except as provided
3 under subsection (a.1), veterans' emergency assistance payments
4 may not exceed the maximum assistance payable for a family of
5 the same size under the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21),
6 known as the Public Welfare Code.

7 (a.1) Minimum amount.--A veterans' emergency assistance
8 payment may not be less than \$500 per month.

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10 (c) Restrictions.--No person shall be eligible to receive
11 veterans' emergency assistance for more than [three] six months
12 in any 12-month period.

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14 (e) Biennial adjustment.--The following shall apply:

15 (1) Beginning January 1, 2015, the Adjutant General
16 shall do all of the following:

17 (i) Every two years, adjust the minimum emergency
18 assistance payment amount under subsection (a.1) as
19 provided under paragraph (2).

20 (ii) Immediately submit the amount under
21 subparagraph (i) to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
22 publication as a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

23 (2) The amount under paragraph (1)(i) shall be adjusted
24 by multiplying the minimum emergency assistance payment
25 amount by any percentage increase to the Consumer Price Index
26 for all Urban Consumers for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey,
27 Delaware and Maryland area for the preceding 12 months,
28 rounded to the nearest \$10. The resultant product shall be
29 added to the minimum emergency assistance payment amount and
30 the sum shall become the new minimum emergency assistance

1 payment amount under subsection (a.1).

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