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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1429 Session of  
2014

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INTRODUCED BY WHITE, ARGALL, TEPLITZ, GORDNER, RAFFERTY, MENSCH,  
HUTCHINSON, YAW, SMITH, ERICKSON, COSTA, ALLOWAY, BAKER,  
SCARNATI, YUDICHAK, HUGHES AND BRUBAKER, JUNE 17, 2014

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,  
JUNE 17, 2014

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for award of grants.

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

5 Section 1. Section 7813(b) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania  
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 7813. Award of grants.

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9 (b) Limits.--

10 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3), grants shall be  
11 not less than \$2,500 and not more than \$15,000 per fire  
12 company.

13 (2) Grants may be awarded on a pro rata basis if the  
14 total dollar amount of the approved application exceeds the  
15 amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this  
16 purpose.

17 (3) In a municipality where there are two or more

1 volunteer fire companies and if two or more volunteer fire  
2 companies consolidated their use of equipment, firefighters  
3 and services [within five years preceding the date of the  
4 current year application submission deadline], the following  
5 apply:

6 (i) The consolidated entity shall be deemed eligible  
7 to receive a grant not to exceed the amount of the  
8 combined total for which the individual companies would  
9 have been eligible had they not consolidated.

10 (ii) The individual companies that consolidated  
11 shall each be eligible to receive an individual grant not  
12 to exceed the amount which the individual companies would  
13 have been eligible had they not consolidated.

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