

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 62 Session of 2015

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 13, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in grants to fire companies and
3 volunteer services, further providing for award of grants.

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

6 ~~Section 1. Section 7813(b) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania~~ <--

7 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:~~

8 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 7813(B) AND 7823(B) OF TITLE 35 OF THE <--

9 PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED TO READ:

10 § 7813. Award of grants.

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12 (b) Limits.--

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

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

5 (3) In a municipality where there are two or more  
6 volunteer fire companies and if two or more volunteer fire  
7 companies consolidated their use of equipment, firefighters  
8 and services within [five] 10 years preceding the date of the  
9 current year application submission deadline, the  
10 consolidated entity shall be deemed eligible to receive a  
11 grant not to exceed the amount of the combined total for  
12 which the individual companies would have been eligible had  
13 they not consolidated.

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15 § 7823. AWARD OF GRANTS. <--

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17 (B) LIMITS.--

18 (1) GRANTS SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN \$2,500 AND NOT MORE  
19 THAN \$10,000 PER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE.

20 (2) GRANTS MAY BE AWARDED ON A PRO RATA BASIS IF THE  
21 TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE APPROVED APPLICATION EXCEEDS THE  
22 AMOUNT OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THIS  
23 PURPOSE.

24 (3) IF TWO OR MORE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES  
25 CONSOLIDATED THEIR USE OF EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL AND SERVICES  
26 WITHIN [FIVE] 10 YEARS PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE CURRENT YEAR  
27 APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE, THE CONSOLIDATED ENTITY  
28 SHALL BE DEEMED ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT NOT TO EXCEED THE  
29 AMOUNT OF THE COMBINED TOTAL FOR WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL  
30 COMPANIES WOULD HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE HAD THEY NOT CONSOLIDATED.

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