

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 22, 2016

AN ACT

1 ~~Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania~~ <--
2 ~~Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, further~~
3 ~~providing for expiration of authority.~~
4 AMENDING TITLE 35 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <--
5 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES, IN GRANTS TO FIRE COMPANIES AND
6 VOLUNTEER SERVICES, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SCOPE OF CHAPTER,
7 FOR DEFINITIONS, FOR AWARD OF GRANTS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE
8 COMPANIES, FOR ESTABLISHMENT, FOR AWARD OF GRANTS FOR
9 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMPANIES, FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIRE
10 COMPANY GRANT PROGRAM, FOR THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE
11 GRANT PROGRAM, FOR ALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS, FOR
12 EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY AND FOR SPECIAL PROVISIONS; AND
13 MAKING AN EDITORIAL CHANGE.
14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:
16 ~~Section 1. Section 7841 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania~~ <--
17 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:~~
18 ~~§ 7841. Expiration of authority.~~

1 ~~The authority of the agency to award grants under Subchapters~~
2 ~~B (relating to fire company grant program) and C (relating to~~
3 ~~volunteer ambulance service grant program) shall expire June 30,~~
4 ~~{2016} 2020.~~

5 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.~~

6 SECTION 1. THE HEADING OF CHAPTER 78 OF TITLE 35 OF THE <--
7 PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED TO READ:

8 CHAPTER 78
9 GRANTS TO FIRE COMPANIES AND
10 [VOLUNTEER SERVICES]
11 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMPANIES

12 SECTION 2. SECTIONS 7801, 7802 AND 7813 OF TITLE 35 ARE
13 AMENDED TO READ:

14 § 7801. SCOPE OF CHAPTER.

15 THIS CHAPTER RELATES TO GRANTS TO FIRE COMPANIES AND
16 [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES] EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
17 COMPANIES.

18 § 7802. DEFINITIONS.

19 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS CHAPTER
20 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
21 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

22 "ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES." THE TERM SHALL HAVE THE
23 MEANING GIVEN TO IT IN CHAPTER 81 (RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL
24 SERVICES SYSTEM).

25 "AGENCY." THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

26 "BASIC LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES." THE TERM SHALL HAVE THE
27 MEANING GIVEN TO IT IN CHAPTER 81 (RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL
28 SERVICES SYSTEM).

29 "CAREER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES." AS FOLLOWS:

30 (1) A FOR-PROFIT CHARTERED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

1 CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION WHICH MEETS ALL OF
2 THE FOLLOWING:

3 (I) IS LOCATED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

4 (II) IS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

5 (III) IS NOT ASSOCIATED OR AFFILIATED WITH A
6 HOSPITAL; UNLESS RECOGNIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
7 7823(B.1) (RELATING TO AWARD OF GRANTS).

8 (IV) IS REGULARLY ENGAGED IN THE PROVISION OF
9 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
10 OR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES AND ADVANCED LIFE
11 SUPPORT SQUADS AS DEFINED IN 28 PA. CODE § 1027.1
12 (RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS).

13 (2) THE TERM SHALL NOT INCLUDE A CORPORATION,
14 ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION THAT IS PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN THE
15 OPERATION OF INVALID COACHES WHICH ARE INTENDED FOR THE
16 ROUTINE TRANSPORT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CONVALESCENT OR
17 NONAMBULATORY AND WHO DO NOT ORDINARILY REQUIRE EMERGENCY
18 MEDICAL TREATMENT WHILE IN TRANSIT.

19 "COMMISSIONER." THE STATE FIRE COMMISSIONER.

20 "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMPANY" OR "EMS COMPANY." A
21 CAREER OR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMPANY.

22 "FACILITY." A STRUCTURE OR PORTION THEREOF INTENDED FOR THE
23 PURPOSE OF STORAGE OR PROTECTION OF FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS,
24 AMBULANCES AND RESCUE VEHICLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND GEAR.
25 THE TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE MEETING HALLS, SOCIAL HALLS, SOCIAL
26 ROOMS, LOUNGES OR ANY OTHER FACILITY NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO
27 FIREFIGHTING OR THE FURNISHING OF AMBULANCE OR RESCUE SERVICES.

28 "FIRE COMPANY." A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR A MUNICIPAL FIRE
29 COMPANY LOCATED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

30 "GRANT PROGRAM." THE FIRE COMPANY GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

1 IN SUBCHAPTER B (RELATING TO FIRE COMPANY GRANT PROGRAM) OR THE
2 [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE] EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GRANT
3 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN SUBCHAPTER C (RELATING TO [VOLUNTEER
4 AMBULANCE SERVICE] EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM) .

5 "INVALID COACH." THE TERM SHALL HAVE THE MEANING GIVEN TO IT
6 IN CHAPTER 81 (RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM) .

7 "VOLUNTEER [AMBULANCE SERVICE] EMS COMPANY." ANY NONPROFIT
8 CHARTERED CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN
9 THIS COMMONWEALTH, WHICH IS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
10 AND IS NOT ASSOCIATED OR AFFILIATED WITH ANY HOSPITAL AND WHICH
11 IS REGULARLY ENGAGED IN THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL
12 SERVICES, INCLUDING BASIC LIFE SUPPORT OR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT
13 SERVICES AND ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SQUADS AS DEFINED IN 28 PA.
14 CODE § [1005.1 (RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS)] 1027.1. THE
15 TERM SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION OR
16 ORGANIZATION THAT IS PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN THE OPERATION OF
17 INVALID COACHES WHICH ARE INTENDED FOR THE ROUTINE TRANSPORT OF
18 PERSONS WHO ARE CONVALESCENT OR OTHERWISE NONAMBULATORY AND DO
19 NOT ORDINARILY REQUIRE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT WHILE IN
20 TRANSIT.

21 "VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY." A NONPROFIT CHARTERED CORPORATION,
22 ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH WHICH
23 PROVIDES FIRE PROTECTION OR RESCUE SERVICES AND WHICH MAY OFFER
24 OTHER VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICES WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH.
25 VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDED BY A VOLUNTEER FIRE
26 COMPANY MAY INCLUDE VOLUNTARY AMBULANCE AND VOLUNTARY RESCUE
27 SERVICES.

28 "VOLUNTEER RESCUE COMPANY." A NONPROFIT CHARTERED
29 CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN THIS
30 COMMONWEALTH THAT PROVIDES RESCUE SERVICES AS PART OF THE

1 RESPONSE TO FIRES OR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

2 § 7813. AWARD OF GRANTS.

3 (A) AUTHORIZATION.--THE AGENCY IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE A GRANT
4 AWARD TO EACH ELIGIBLE FIRE COMPANY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

5 (1) CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF THE FIRE COMPANY'S
6 FACILITY AND PURCHASE OR REPAIR OF FIXTURES AND FURNISHINGS
7 NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN OR IMPROVE THE CAPABILITY OF THE
8 COMPANY TO PROVIDE FIRE, AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SERVICES.

9 (2) REPAIR OF FIREFIGHTING, AMBULANCE OR RESCUE
10 EQUIPMENT OR PURCHASE THEREOF.

11 (3) DEBT REDUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2).

12 (4) TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

13 (5) TRAINING AND EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC
14 REGARDING FIRE PREVENTION.

15 (A.1) ADDITIONAL USES FOR PAID MUNICIPAL FIRE COMPANIES.--IN
16 ADDITION TO THE AUTHORIZED USES UNDER SUBSECTION (A), THE
17 COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED USES OF GRANT
18 FUNDS FOR PAID MUNICIPAL FIRE COMPANIES. ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED
19 USES ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MUST BE PUBLISHED IN THE
20 PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN AND ON THE COMMISSIONER'S PUBLICLY
21 ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

22 (A.2) ADDITIONAL GRANTS.--EACH FIRE COMPANY WITH NOT MORE
23 THAN 20 MEMBERS WHO ARE CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL
24 QUALIFICATIONS BOARD OR BY THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE
25 ACCREDITATION CONGRESS AND ARE VERIFIED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA
26 STATE FIRE ACADEMY AT A MINIMUM LEVEL OF FIRE FIGHTER 1 ON OR
27 BEFORE JULY 1 OF THE YEAR OF THE GRANT APPLICATION SHALL BE
28 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL GRANTS UNDER A CERTIFICATION
29 BONUS POINT SYSTEM AS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

30 (B) LIMITS.--

1 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3), GRANTS SHALL BE
2 NOT LESS THAN \$2,500 AND NOT MORE THAN \$15,000 PER FIRE
3 COMPANY.

4 (2) GRANTS MAY BE AWARDED ON A PRO RATA BASIS IF THE
5 TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE APPROVED APPLICATION EXCEEDS THE
6 AMOUNT OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THIS
7 PURPOSE.

8 (3) IN A MUNICIPALITY WHERE THERE ARE TWO OR MORE
9 VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND IF TWO OR MORE VOLUNTEER FIRE
10 COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED THEIR USE OF EQUIPMENT, FIREFIGHTERS
11 AND SERVICES WITHIN [FIVE] 10 YEARS PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE
12 CURRENT YEAR APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE, THE
13 CONSOLIDATED ENTITY SHALL BE DEEMED ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A
14 GRANT NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF THE COMBINED TOTAL FOR
15 WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES WOULD HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE HAD
16 THEY NOT CONSOLIDATED.

17 (C) TIME FOR FILING APPLICATION AND DEPARTMENT ACTION.--

18 (1) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF JUNE 28, 2007, FOR THE FISCAL
19 YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006, AND JULY 1, 2007, AND BY
20 SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE
21 WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRANTS UNDER THIS CHAPTER TO:

22 (I) EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II), THE
23 FIRE CHIEF AND PRESIDENT OF EVERY FIRE COMPANY; OR

24 (II) IN THE CASE OF A MUNICIPAL FIRE COMPANY, THE
25 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

26 (2) WITHIN 45 DAYS OF JUNE 28, 2007, FOR THE FISCAL
27 YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006, AND JULY 1, 2007, AND BY
28 SEPTEMBER 8 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE
29 APPLICATIONS TO INDIVIDUALS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1). THE
30 APPLICATION FOR THE FISCAL YEARS COMMENCING JULY 1, 2006, AND

1 JULY 1, 2007, SHALL BE A COMBINED APPLICATION. FIRE COMPANIES
2 SEEKING GRANTS UNDER THIS CHAPTER SHALL SUBMIT COMPLETED
3 APPLICATIONS TO THE AGENCY. THE APPLICATION PERIOD SHALL
4 REMAIN OPEN FOR 45 DAYS EACH YEAR. THE AGENCY SHALL ACT TO
5 APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE APPLICATIONS WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE
6 APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE EACH YEAR. APPLICATIONS WHICH
7 HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE AGENCY WITHIN 60
8 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE APPLICATION PERIOD EACH YEAR
9 SHALL BE DEEMED APPROVED.

10 (D) ELIGIBILITY.--TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS UNDER THIS CHAPTER,
11 A FIRE COMPANY [SHALL HAVE] MUST:

12 (1) HAVE ACTIVELY RESPONDED TO [ONE OR MORE] AT LEAST 10
13 FIRE OR RESCUE EMERGENCIES DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR
14 [AND MUST HAVE SIGNED AND BE UNDER AN AGREEMENT TO ACTIVELY
15 PARTICIPATE IN THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INFORMATION REPORTING
16 SYSTEM WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE AGENCY].

17 (2) BE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE
18 INFORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM UNDER A SIGNED AGREEMENT. THE
19 COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP AND PUBLISH GUIDELINES SPECIFYING
20 THE CRITERIA NECESSARY TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF
21 PARTICIPATION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INFORMATION REPORTING
22 SYSTEM TO REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR GRANT FUNDS.

23 SECTION 3. THE HEADING OF SUBCHAPTER C OF CHAPTER 78 OF
24 TITLE 35 IS AMENDED TO READ:

25 SUBCHAPTER C

26 [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE]

27 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM

28 SECTION 4. SECTIONS 7821, 7823, 7831, 7832, 7833, 7841 AND
29 7842(B) OF TITLE 35 ARE AMENDED TO READ:

30 § 7821. ESTABLISHMENT.

1 THE [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE] EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
2 GRANT PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED AND SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
3 AGENCY. GRANTS PROVIDED UNDER THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE USED TO
4 IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE CAPABILITIES OF [THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE
5 SERVICES] EMS COMPANIES TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL,
6 BASIC LIFE SUPPORT AND ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES.

7 § 7823. AWARD OF GRANTS.

8 (A) AUTHORIZATION.--THE AGENCY IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE A GRANT
9 AWARD TO EACH ELIGIBLE [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE] EMS COMPANY
10 FOR THE FOLLOWING:

11 (1) CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF THE [VOLUNTEER
12 AMBULANCE SERVICE'S] EMS COMPANY'S FACILITY AND PURCHASE OR
13 REPAIR OF FIXTURES, FURNISHINGS, OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT
14 SERVICES NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN OR IMPROVE THE CAPABILITY OF
15 THE AMBULANCE SERVICE TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE, EMERGENCY
16 MEDICAL, BASIC LIFE SUPPORT AND ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT
17 SERVICES.

18 (2) REPAIR OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT OR PURCHASE THEREOF.

19 (3) DEBT REDUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2).

20 (4) TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

21 (B) LIMITS.--

22 (1) GRANTS SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN \$2,500 AND NOT MORE
23 THAN \$10,000 PER [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE] EMS COMPANY.

24 (2) GRANTS MAY BE AWARDED ON A PRO RATA BASIS IF THE
25 TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE APPROVED APPLICATION EXCEEDS THE
26 AMOUNT OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THIS
27 PURPOSE.

28 (3) IF TWO OR MORE [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES] EMS
29 COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED THEIR USE OF EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL AND
30 SERVICES WITHIN [FIVE] 10 YEARS PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE

1 CURRENT YEAR APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE, THE
2 CONSOLIDATED ENTITY SHALL BE DEEMED ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A
3 GRANT NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF THE COMBINED TOTAL FOR
4 WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES WOULD HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE HAD
5 THEY NOT CONSOLIDATED.

6 (B.1) ELIGIBILITY.--TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS UNDER THIS
7 CHAPTER, AN EMS COMPANY MUST BE DESIGNATED BY A MUNICIPALITY AS
8 THE MUNICIPALITY'S PRIMARY EMS PROVIDER.

9 (C) TIME FOR FILING APPLICATION AND DEPARTMENT ACTION.--

10 (1) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF JUNE 28, 2007, FOR THE FISCAL
11 YEARS COMMENCING JULY 1, 2006, AND JULY 1, 2007, AND BY
12 SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE
13 WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRANTS UNDER THIS CHAPTER TO THE
14 PRESIDENT OF EVERY [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE] EMS COMPANY
15 IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

16 (2) WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF JUNE 28,
17 2007, FOR THE FISCAL YEARS COMMENCING JULY 1, 2006, AND JULY
18 1, 2007, AND BY SEPTEMBER 8 OF EACH YEAR, THE AGENCY SHALL
19 PROVIDE APPLICATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT OF EVERY [VOLUNTEER
20 AMBULANCE SERVICE] EMS COMPANY. THE APPLICATION FOR THE
21 FISCAL YEARS COMMENCING JULY 1, 2006, AND JULY 1, 2007, SHALL
22 BE A COMBINED APPLICATION. [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES] EMS
23 COMPANIES SEEKING GRANTS UNDER THIS CHAPTER SHALL SUBMIT
24 COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE AGENCY. THE APPLICATION PERIOD
25 SHALL REMAIN OPEN FOR 45 DAYS EACH YEAR. THE AGENCY SHALL ACT
26 TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE APPLICATIONS WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE
27 APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE EACH YEAR. APPLICATIONS WHICH
28 HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE AGENCY WITHIN 60
29 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE APPLICATION PERIOD EACH YEAR
30 SHALL BE DEEMED APPROVED.

1 § 7831. [VOLUNTEER] FIRE COMPANY GRANT PROGRAM.

2 THE SUM OF \$22,000,000 OF THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO THE
3 AGENCY FOR [VOLUNTEER] FIRE COMPANY GRANTS UNDER SECTION [225
4 OF THE ACT OF MARCH 20, 2003 (P.L.463, NO.1A), KNOWN AS THE
5 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2003] 1799-E OF THE ACT OF APRIL
6 9, 1929 (P.L.343, NO.176), KNOWN AS THE FISCAL CODE, SHALL BE
7 EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE
8 [VOLUNTEER] FIRE COMPANIES UNDER SUBCHAPTER B (RELATING TO
9 [VOLUNTEER] FIRE COMPANY GRANT PROGRAM).

10 § 7832. [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE] EMERGENCY MEDICAL
11 SERVICES COMPANY GRANT PROGRAM.

12 THE SUM OF \$3,000,000 OF THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO THE
13 AGENCY FOR [VOLUNTEER] EMS COMPANY GRANTS UNDER SECTION [225
14 OF THE ACT OF MARCH 20, 2003 (P.L.463, NO.1A), KNOWN AS THE
15 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2003] 1799-E OF THE ACT OF APRIL
16 9, 1929 (P.L.343, NO.176), KNOWN AS THE FISCAL CODE, SHALL BE
17 EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE
18 [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE] EMS COMPANIES UNDER SUBCHAPTER C
19 (RELATING TO [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE] EMERGENCY MEDICAL
20 SERVICES COMPANY GRANT PROGRAM).

21 § 7833. ALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.

22 (A) ADMINISTRATION.--

23 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2), NO MONEY
24 FROM THE APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS SHALL BE USED FOR EXPENSES
25 OR COSTS INCURRED BY THE AGENCY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
26 GRANT PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBCHAPTERS B (RELATING TO
27 FIRE COMPANY GRANT PROGRAM) AND C (RELATING TO [VOLUNTEER
28 AMBULANCE SERVICE] EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM).

29 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1), [EACH FISCAL YEAR THE
30 COMMISSIONER MAY USE AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$250,000 OF THE TOTAL

1 AMOUNT OF FUNDS TRANSFERRED OR APPROPRIATED TO THE GRANT
2 PROGRAM UNDER SUBCHAPTER B FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS TO
3 IMPLEMENT THAT GRANT PROGRAM.] THE COMMISSIONER MAY USE NOT
4 MORE THAN \$800,000 OF ANY UNENCUMBERED FUNDS REMAINING IN THE
5 FUND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR GRANT PROGRAM
6 IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THIS CHAPTER.

7 (B) GRANT ALLOCATION.--UNLESS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY STATED,
8 MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE AGENCY FOR PURPOSES OF COMPANY GRANTS
9 SHALL BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

10 (1) EIGHTY-EIGHT PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED
11 SHALL BE USED FOR MAKING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE FIRE COMPANIES
12 UNDER SUBCHAPTER B.

13 (2) TWELVE PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED SHALL BE
14 USED FOR MAKING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE] EMS
15 COMPANIES UNDER SUBCHAPTER C.

16 § 7841. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.

17 THE AUTHORITY OF THE AGENCY TO AWARD GRANTS UNDER
18 SUBCHAPTERS B (RELATING TO FIRE COMPANY GRANT PROGRAM) AND C
19 (RELATING TO [VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE] EMERGENCY MEDICAL
20 SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM) SHALL EXPIRE JUNE 30, [2016] 2020.

21 § 7842. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

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23 (B) DELINQUENCY.--AN APPLICANT FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS
24 CHAPTER WHO IS DELINQUENT IN LOAN PAYMENTS TO THE PENNSYLVANIA
25 VOLUNTEER LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ACT OF
26 JULY 15, 1976 (P.L.1036, NO.208), KNOWN AS THE VOLUNTEER FIRE
27 COMPANY, AMBULANCE SERVICE AND RESCUE SQUAD ASSISTANCE ACT,
28 [SHALL AGREE TO] MUST USE ITS GRANT FUNDS TO PAY ANY ARREARS TO
29 THE COMMONWEALTH OR IT WILL NOT BE QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE A GRANT.
30 ANY ORGANIZATION [AGREEING TO THIS ARRANGEMENT WHO] THAT FAILS

1 TO [MAKE THE PAYMENT TO THE COMMONWEALTH] COMPLY WITH THIS
2 SUBSECTION SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM APPLYING TO THE GRANT
3 PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

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5 SECTION 5. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.