

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 370 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY WHITE, YAW, BAKER, GORDNER, SMITH, COSTA, YUDICHAK, HUTCHINSON, BOSCOLA, SCARNATI, TARTAGLIONE, WOZNIAK, STEFANO, RAFFERTY AND WARD, JANUARY 30, 2015

SENATOR VULAKOVICH, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS AMENDED, JUNE 2, 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 TO <--
4 ELIGIBLE FIRE COMPANIES AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES.

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

7 Section 1. Section 7813(b) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania <--
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 7813(B) AND 7823(B) OF TITLE 35 OF THE <--
10 PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED TO READ:

11 § 7813. Award of grants.

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13 (b) Limits.--

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

17 (2) Grants may be awarded on a pro rata basis if the
18 total dollar amount of the approved application exceeds the

1 amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this
2 purpose.

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

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13 § 7823. AWARD OF GRANTS. <--

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15 (B) LIMITS.--

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

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

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

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