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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further
3 providing for assistance to volunteer fire companies,
4 ambulance service and rescue squads.

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

7 Section 1. Section 7364(a)(1), (2) and (6) of Title 35 of
8 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 7364. Assistance to volunteer fire companies, ambulance
10 service and rescue squads.

11 (a) General rule.--The office is authorized, upon
12 application of any volunteer fire company, volunteer ambulance
13 service or volunteer rescue squad, to make loans for the
14 following purposes:

15 (1) Establishing or modernizing facilities that house
16 firefighting equipment, ambulance or rescue vehicles. The
17 amount of a loan for establishing or modernizing facilities
18 made to any one volunteer fire company, ambulance service or

1 rescue squad shall not exceed 50% of the total cost of the
2 facilities or modernization or [\$400,000] \$500,000, whichever
3 is less, and a notarized financial statement filed under
4 subsection (c) shall show that the applicant has available
5 20% of the total cost of the facilities in unobligated funds.
6 Proceeds of the loan shall be used only for purposes of
7 structure or land acquisition or renovation or construction
8 and shall not be used for payment of fees for design,
9 planning, preparation of applications or any other cost not
10 directly attributable to structure or land acquisition or
11 renovation or construction.

12 (2) Purchasing firefighting apparatus, ambulances or
13 rescue vehicles. The amount of a loan made for purchasing
14 firefighting apparatus to any one volunteer fire company
15 shall not exceed [\$200,000] \$500,000 for any single
16 firefighting apparatus equipment or utility or special
17 service vehicle or heavy duty rescue vehicle as defined by
18 regulation or guideline, or 50% of the total cost of the
19 equipment or vehicle, whichever is less, except for loans for
20 aerial apparatus as defined by regulation or guideline, which
21 shall not exceed \$300,000. The amount of a loan made to any
22 one volunteer fire company, ambulance service or rescue squad
23 for any ambulance or light duty rescue vehicle as defined by
24 regulation or guideline shall not exceed \$100,000 and for a
25 watercraft rescue vehicle shall not exceed \$30,000 or 50% of
26 the cost of the ambulance or rescue vehicle, whichever is
27 less, and a notarized financial statement filed under
28 subsection (c) shall show that the applicant has available
29 20% of the total cost of the vehicle in unobligated funds.

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1 (6) Purchasing of used firefighting apparatus,
2 equipment, used ambulances, used rescue vehicles, used
3 communications equipment, used accessory equipment or used
4 protective equipment, except that the used vehicles and
5 equipment shall meet the National Fire Protection Association
6 (NFPA) standards and loans for the purchase of a used single
7 apparatus equipment shall not exceed [~~\$120,000~~] \$500,000 or
8 80% of the total cost of the equipment, whichever is less.

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