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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 24, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Authorizing, with the approval of the electors, part of the  
2 funds for volunteer fire and volunteer emergency services to  
3 be used for loans to municipal fire departments for the  
4 purpose of establishing or modernizing facilities to house  
5 firefighting apparatus equipment and purchasing firefighting  
6 apparatus equipment, rescue vehicles and protective and  
7 communications equipment and other equipment necessary for  
8 the proper performance of the departments' duties.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Referendum.

12 The question of using the sum of up to \$10,000,000 from money  
13 previously authorized for volunteer fire and volunteer emergency  
14 services for loans to municipal fire departments for the purpose  
15 of establishing or modernizing facilities to house firefighting  
16 apparatus equipment and purchasing firefighting apparatus  
17 equipment, rescue vehicles and protective and communications  
18 equipment and other equipment necessary for the proper  
19 performance of the departments' duties shall be submitted to the  
20 electors at the next primary, municipal or general election

1 following the effective date of this act.

2 Section 2. Certification.

3 The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall certify the question  
4 to the county boards of election.

5 Section 3. Form of question.

6 The question shall be in substantially the following form:

7 Do you favor the use of up to \$10,000,000 previously  
8 authorized for volunteer fire and volunteer emergency  
9 services to also be used for loans to municipal fire  
10 departments for the purpose of establishing or modernizing  
11 facilities to house firefighting apparatus equipment and  
12 purchasing firefighting apparatus equipment, rescue vehicles  
13 and protective and communications equipment and other  
14 equipment necessary for the proper performance of the  
15 departments' duties?

16 Section 4. Conduct of election.

17 The election shall be conducted in accordance with the act of  
18 June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania  
19 Election Code.

20 Section 5. Use of bond proceeds.

21 Proceeds of borrowing shall be used to include loans to  
22 municipal fire departments by expanding the existing program  
23 established under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 73 Subch. E (relating to  
24 volunteer fire company, ambulance service and rescue squad  
25 assistance).

26 Section 6. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect immediately.