
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 26, 2019

AN ACT

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

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

7 Section 1. The definition of "volunteer EMS company" in
8 section 7802 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended and the section is amended by adding a
10 definition to read:

11 § 7802. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
13 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
14 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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16 "Volunteer EMS company." Any nonprofit chartered
17 corporation, association or organization located in this
18 Commonwealth, which is licensed by the Department of Health and

1 is not associated or affiliated with any hospital, unless
2 recognized in accordance with section 7823(b.1) (relating to
3 award of grants), and which is regularly engaged in the
4 provision of emergency medical services, including basic life
5 support or advanced life support services and advanced life
6 support squads as defined in 28 Pa. Code § 1027.1 (relating to
7 general provisions). The term shall include a volunteer quick
8 response service. The term shall not include any corporation,
9 association or organization that is primarily engaged in the
10 operation of invalid coaches which are intended for the routine
11 transport of persons who are convalescent or otherwise
12 nonambulatory and do not ordinarily require emergency medical
13 treatment while in transit.

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15 "Volunteer quick response service." As follows:

16 (1) A nonprofit chartered corporation, association or
17 organization which meets all of the following:

18 (i) Is located in this Commonwealth.

19 (ii) Is licensed by the Department of Health.

20 (iii) Is not associated or affiliated with a
21 hospital, fire company, fire department or emergency
22 medical services agency.

23 (iv) Is regularly engaged in the provision of
24 emergency medical services to patients pending the
25 arrival of an ambulance.

26 (v) Has been recognized by a municipality to provide
27 quick response service for the municipality.

28 (2) The term shall not include a corporation,
29 association or organization that is primarily engaged in the
30 operation of invalid coaches which are intended for the

1 routine transport of persons who are convalescent or
2 otherwise nonambulatory and do not ordinarily require
3 emergency medical treatment while in transit.

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