

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1834 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY SAINATO, SAPPEY, BARRAR, KULIK, RYAN, BURNS, MURT, HILL-EVANS, BERNSTINE, WILLIAMS, STRUZZI, CALTAGIRONE, PETRARCA, READSHAW, FREEMAN, LONGIETTI, KIM, SCHLOSSBERG, SNYDER, A. DAVIS, ZABEL, HANBIDGE, JOZWIAK, McCLINTON, DeLUCA, CIRESI, FARRY, KRUEGER, POLINCHOCK AND JOHNSON-HARRELL, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 award of grants and for expiration of authority; AND <--
5 ESTABLISHING THE CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

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

8 ~~Section 1. Sections 7813(a) and 7823(a) of Title 35 of the <--
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended by adding
10 paragraphs to read:~~

11 SECTION 1. SECTION 7813(A) AND (B) OF TITLE 35 OF THE <--
12 PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED BY ADDING
13 PARAGRAPHS AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO
14 READ:

15 § 7813. Award of grants.

16 (a) Authorization.--The agency is authorized to make a grant

1 award to each eligible fire company for the following:

2 \* \* \*

3 (6) Recruitment and retention, including, but not  
4 limited to, volunteer firefighter length of service award  
5 programs and programs for minors serving in volunteer  
6 emergency service organizations.

7 \* \* \*

8 (B) LIMITS.--

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10 (4) A FIRE COMPANY MAY ONLY APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR UP TO  
11 FIVE YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE UNDER SUBSECTION (E).

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13 (E) CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS ACCOUNT.--A FIRE COMPANY MAY APPLY  
14 FOR A GRANT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING  
15 A NEW FACILITY. THE GRANT SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE  
16 CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS ACCOUNT, WHICH IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE  
17 STATE TREASURY. MONEY IN THE CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS ACCOUNT MAY BE  
18 WITHDRAWN BY APPLICATION OF THE FIRE COMPANY. THE CONSTRUCTION  
19 SAVINGS ACCOUNT SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSIONER. THE  
20 FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

21 (1) A FIRE COMPANY MAY ONLY ACCESS MONEY IN THE  
22 CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES AND AT  
23 THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSIONER.

24 (2) FOR A FIRE COMPANY TO WITHDRAW MONEY FROM THE  
25 CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

26 (I) THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN THE SIGNATURES OF  
27 TWO DULY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE FIRE COMPANY.

28 (II) THE FIRE COMPANY SHALL INDICATE ON THE  
29 APPLICATION HOW THE MONEY IS GOING TO BE USED UNDER  
30 SUBSECTION (A).

1           (3) ANY INTEREST ACCRUED ON THE CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS  
2           ACCOUNT MAY BE USED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE  
3           PURPOSES.

4           SECTION 2. SECTION 7823(A) OF TITLE 35 IS AMENDED BY ADDING  
5 A PARAGRAPH TO READ:

6 § 7823. Award of grants.

7           (a) Authorization.--The agency is authorized to make a grant  
8 award to each eligible EMS company for the following:

9           \* \* \*

10           (5) Recruitment and retention, including, but not  
11           limited to, programs for minors serving in volunteer  
12           emergency service organizations.

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14           Section ~~2~~ 3. Section 7841 of Title 35 is amended to read:     <--

15 § 7841. Expiration of authority.

16           The authority of the agency to award grants under Subchapters  
17 B (relating to fire company grant program) and C (relating to  
18 emergency medical services grant program) shall expire June 30,  
19 [2020] 2024.

20           Section ~~3~~ 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.             <--