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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1838 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY CAUSER, BARRAR, SAINATO, CIRESI, SCHLEGEL CULVER,  
GAYDOS, OWLETT, PICKETT, PYLE, SAPPEY, SNYDER, WARREN AND  
ZIMMERMAN, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 75 (Vehicles) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency medical  
3 services system, further providing for support of emergency  
4 medical services; in general provisions, further providing  
5 for EMS costs; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or  
6 utilizing drugs, further providing for Accelerated  
7 Rehabilitative Disposition.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 8153(c) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania  
11 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

12 § 8153. Support of emergency medical services.

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14 (c) Purpose of fund.--Except as provided under subsection  
15 (d), 75% of the money from the Emergency Medical Services  
16 Operating Fund shall be disbursed by the department [for only]  
17 in the following [uses] manner:

18 (1) To [eligible] EMS agencies [for applicable purposes  
19 stated under] in accordance with section 8112(c) (relating to

1 contracts and grants) [ , with at least 10% of these funds to  
2 be allocated to provide additional financial assistance for  
3 those EMS systems serving rural areas.] 30% of funds must be  
4 allocated to specifically provide training to underserved  
5 rural areas. Not less than 10% of funds shall be provided to  
6 EMS agencies to assist with medical equipment purchases for  
7 ambulances.

8 (2) To the board for the performance of duties imposed  
9 upon it under this chapter.

10 (3) To regional EMS councils for the development,  
11 maintenance and improvement of EMS systems, including  
12 ambulance and communications equipment, and for training,  
13 education and EMS agency licensure purposes.

14 (4) To other contractors and grantees as authorized  
15 under section 8112(j).

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17 Section 2. Sections 3121 and 3807(b)(1)(ix) of Title 75 are  
18 amended to read:

19 § 3121. EMS costs.

20 In addition to any other costs that may be imposed under this  
21 part for a traffic violation, except for a parking violation, a  
22 cost of [~~\$10~~] \$20 shall be imposed. Moneys collected shall be  
23 forwarded to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Emergency  
24 Medical Services Operating Fund.

25 § 3807. Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition.

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27 (b) Evaluation and treatment.--

28 (1) A defendant offered Accelerated Rehabilitative  
29 Disposition for a violation of section 3802 is, as a  
30 condition of participation in the program, subject to the

1 following requirements in addition to any other conditions of  
2 participation imposed by the court:

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4 (ix) The defendant shall pay a cost of [~~\$25~~] \$50  
5 which shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer for  
6 deposit in the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund.

7 \* \* \*

8 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.