

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1838 Session of
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SENATOR REGAN, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, IN
SENATE, AS AMENDED, APRIL 20, 2020

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 AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY <--
12 ADDING A SUBSECTION to read:

13 § 8153. Support of emergency medical services.

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

1 (1) To [eligible] EMS agencies [for applicable purposes
2 stated under] in accordance with section 8112(c) (relating to
3 contracts and grants) [, with at least 10% of these funds to
4 be allocated to provide additional financial assistance for
5 those EMS systems serving rural areas.] 30% of funds must be
6 allocated to specifically provide training to underserved
7 rural areas. Not less than 10% of funds shall be provided to
8 EMS agencies to assist with medical equipment purchases for
9 ambulances.

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

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

16 (4) To other contractors and grantees as authorized
17 under section 8112(j).

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19 (F) REVIEW BY LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.--THE <--
20 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW COURT
21 RECORDS TO ENSURE THAT MONEY FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
22 OPERATING FUND IS BEING PROPERLY COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED INTO
23 THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATING FUND. THE REVIEW SHALL
24 BE COMPLETED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
25 SUBSECTION AND SHALL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO ANY
26 APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN. IN CONDUCTING THE REVIEW, THE
27 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE SHALL EXAMINE THE
28 PERTINENT RECORDS OF THE PAST FIVE YEARS OF ALL COURTS REQUIRED
29 TO IMPOSE COSTS UNDER 75 PA.C.S. §§ 3121 AND 3807(B)(1)(IX).

30 Section 2. Sections 3121 and 3807(b)(1)(ix) of Title 75 are

1 amended to read:

2 § 3121. EMS costs.

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

8 § 3807. Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition.

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10 (b) Evaluation and treatment.--

11 (1) A defendant offered Accelerated Rehabilitative
12 Disposition for a violation of section 3802 is, as a
13 condition of participation in the program, subject to the
14 following requirements in addition to any other conditions of
15 participation imposed by the court:

16 * * *

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

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21 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 120 days.