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AN ACT

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

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

7 Section 1. Section 7802 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
9 § 7802. Definitions.

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

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14 "Firehouse." A station under the control of a fire company
15 that contains firefighting apparatus and equipment and is used
16 by firefighters to provide fire protection or rescue services.
17 The State Fire Commissioner shall have final determination as to

1 whether a station is a firehouse.

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3 Section 2. Section 7813(b) of Title 35 is amended to read:

4 § 7813. Award of grants.

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6 (b) Limits.--

7 (1) Except as provided in [~~paragraph (3)~~] paragraphs (3)
8 and (4), grants shall be not less than \$2,500 and not more
9 than \$15,000 per fire company.

10 (2) Grants may be awarded on a pro rata basis if the
11 total dollar amount of the approved application exceeds the
12 amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this
13 purpose.

14 (3) In a municipality where there are two or more
15 volunteer fire companies and if two or more volunteer fire
16 companies consolidated their use of equipment, firefighters
17 and services within 10 years preceding the date of the
18 current year application submission deadline, the
19 consolidated entity shall be deemed eligible to receive a
20 grant not to exceed the amount of the combined total for
21 which the individual companies would have been eligible had
22 they not consolidated.

23 (4) If a fire company has more than one firehouse,
24 grants shall be not less than \$2,500 and not more than
25 \$15,000 per firehouse.

26 [(4)] (5) A fire company may only apply for a grant for
27 up to five years for the purpose under subsection (e).

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