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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, JUNE 8, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, in intergovernmental relations, further providing
 3 for cooperative purchase of fire, rescue and ambulance
 4 company supplies.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1913(a) and (b) of Title 62 of the
 8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the section
 9 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

10 § 1913. Cooperative purchase of fire, rescue and ambulance
 11 company supplies.

12 (a) Contract for supplies.--The department shall enter into
 13 and make available to a local public emergency procurement
 14 [units] unit and its individual members a contract or contracts
 15 for accessory equipment, apparatus equipment, communications
 16 equipment, protective equipment, rescue vehicles and utility or
 17 special vehicles, as these terms are defined in the act of July
 18 15, 1976 (P.L.1036, No.208), known as the Volunteer Fire

1 Company, Ambulance Service and Rescue Squad Assistance Act.

2 (b) Establishment of list.--No later than April 1 of each
3 calendar year, the standing committee on Veterans Affairs and
4 Emergency Preparedness of the Senate and the standing committee
5 on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness of the House of
6 Representatives shall prepare and transmit to the Secretary of
7 General Services a suggested list of items used by a local
8 public emergency procurement [units] unit and its individual
9 members in the performance of their duties for department
10 procurements under subsection (a).

11 (b.1) Eligibility for individual members.--The following
12 shall apply:

13 (1) Within 90 days of the effective date of this
14 subsection, the State Fire Commissioner shall develop
15 criteria for individual members of a local public emergency
16 procurement unit to be eligible for procurements under
17 subsection (a).

18 (2) The head of a local public emergency procurement
19 unit shall keep records of each individual member's
20 activities in a service log to establish the individual
21 member's eligibility under paragraph (1). The service logs
22 shall be subject to review by the county board of
23 commissioners, the State Fire Commissioner and the Auditor
24 General.

25 (3) No later than January 31 each year, the head of a
26 local public emergency procurement unit shall transmit to the
27 department a notarized eligibility list of all individual
28 members who have met the minimum criteria established under
29 paragraph (1) and shall post the eligibility list in an
30 accessible area of the local public emergency procurement

1 unit's facilities.

2 (4) The head of a local public emergency procurement
3 unit shall submit an affidavit to the department with the
4 eligibility list under paragraph (3) attesting that the
5 individual members meet the minimum criteria established
6 under paragraph (1). The affidavit shall be signed by:

7 (i) The head of the local public emergency
8 procurement unit.

9 (ii) Each individual member on the eligibility list.

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