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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

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

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

7 Section 1. The definition of "fire company" in section 7363  
8 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, added  
9 October 29, 2020 (P.L.739, No.91), is amended to read:

10 § 7363. Definitions.

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

14 \* \* \*

15 "Fire company." [A volunteer fire company.] A volunteer  
16 nonprofit chartered fire company or municipal-owned fire company  
17 or department.

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1 Section 2. Section 7364(c.1) of Title 35 is amended by  
2 adding paragraphs to read:

3 § 7364. Assistance to fire companies and EMS companies.

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5 (c.1) Application review committee.--The office shall  
6 establish an application review committee to review loan  
7 applications and recommendations on loan applications under this  
8 section. The application review committee shall regularly meet  
9 at least quarterly to review loan applications and make  
10 recommendations on loan applications to the office. The  
11 application review committee shall be chaired by the  
12 commissioner or the commissioner's designee and include the  
13 following members:

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15 (10) A representative of the Pennsylvania Professional  
16 Fire Fighters Association.

17 (11) A representative of the Pennsylvania Career Fire  
18 Chiefs Association.

19 (12) The Secretary of the Department of Community and  
20 Economic Development or the secretary's designee.

21 (13) The Secretary of the Department of Conservation and  
22 Natural Resources or the secretary's designee.

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