

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 739 Session of 2021

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SENATOR STEFANO, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS AMENDED, JUNE 8, 2021

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:

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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 FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF <--
16 THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

17 ~~(10)~~ (11) A representative of the Pennsylvania <--
18 Professional Fire Fighters Association.

19 ~~(11)~~ (12) A representative of the Pennsylvania Career <--
20 Fire Chiefs Association.

21 ~~(12)~~ (13) The Secretary of the Department of Community <--
22 and Economic Development or the secretary's designee.

23 ~~(13)~~ (14) The Secretary of the Department of <--
24 Conservation and Natural Resources or the secretary's
25 designee.

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