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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
FEBRUARY 24, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in grants to fire companies and
3 emergency medical services companies, further providing for
4 award of grants and providing for COVID-19 Fire Company Grant
5 Program.

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

8 Section 1. Section 7813(a)(7) of Title 35 of the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

10 § 7813. Award of grants.

11 (a) Authorization.--The commissioner is authorized to make a
12 grant award to each eligible fire company for the following:

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14 (7) Revenue loss for grants issued in 2021 [and], 2022
15 and 2023.

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17 Section 2. Chapter 78 of Title 35 is amended by adding a
18 subchapter to read:

1 SUBCHAPTER B.1

2 COVID-19 FIRE COMPANY GRANT PROGRAM

3 Sec.

4 7816. Establishment.

5 7817. Publication and notice.

6 7818. Award of grants.

7 § 7816. Establishment.

8 The COVID-19 Fire Company Grant Program is established and
9 shall be administered by the agency. Grants provided under the
10 program shall be used by fire companies to provide services
11 during the novel coronavirus pandemic as identified in the
12 proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on
13 March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and
14 any renewal of the state of disaster emergency.

15 § 7817. Publication and notice.

16 The agency shall transmit notice of the COVID-19 Fire Company
17 Grant Program availability to the Legislative Reference Bureau
18 for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 30 days of
19 the effective date of this section.

20 § 7818. Award of grants.

21 (a) Authorization.--The agency shall make a grant award from
22 the COVID-19 Fire Company Grant Program to:

23 (1) Each eligible fire company that received a grant
24 award in fiscal year 2020-2021 under section 7813 (relating
25 to award of grants) for the purposes under section 7813(a)
26 and (a.1).

27 (2) A fire company that did not apply for or receive a
28 grant award in fiscal year 2020-2021 under section 7813 and
29 that applies for a grant under this subchapter for the
30 purposes under section 7813(a) and (a.1).

1 (b) Amount of award.--The amount of the grant award under
2 this subchapter shall be as follows:

3 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), grants shall be
4 not less than \$2,500 and not more than \$50,000 per fire
5 company.

6 (2) Grants may be awarded on a pro rata basis if the
7 total dollar amount of the approved applications exceeds the
8 amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this
9 purpose.

10 (c) Application not required.--

11 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), no
12 additional application shall be required for a grant under
13 this subchapter.

14 (2) A fire company under subsection (a)(2) must file an
15 application for a grant under this subchapter.

16 (d) Reports.--Following the completion of the program under
17 this subchapter, the agency shall issue a report, including the
18 following:

19 (1) The impact of the program on fire companies.

20 (2) The list of the awardees.

21 Section 3. Title 35 is amended by adding a section to read:

22 § 7832.3. COVID-19 Fire Company Grant Program.

23 From the appropriation from money received by the
24 Commonwealth under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public
25 Law 117-2, 135 Stat. 4) for purposes of making grants under
26 Subchapter B.1 (relating to COVID-19 Fire Company Grant
27 Program), the sum of \$125,000,000 of the amount appropriated
28 shall be expended for the purpose of making grants to eligible
29 fire companies.

30 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.