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SENATOR MASTRIANO, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS AMENDED, MARCH 18, 2024

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 DEFINITIONS, FOR publication and notice and, for award of <--
5 grants, FOR CONSOLIDATION INCENTIVE, FOR PUBLICATION AND <--
6 NOTICE AND FOR AWARD OF GRANTS, repealing provisions relating
7 to COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical
8 Services Grant Program and to Emergency Medical Services
9 COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program, further providing for
10 expiration of authority, repealing provisions relating to
11 expiration of authority relating to COVID-19 Crisis Fire
12 Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program and to
13 expiration of authority relating to Emergency Medical
14 Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program and further
15 providing for annual reports.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 ~~Section 1. Sections 7812, 7813(a)(7), (a.2) and (d), 7822 <--
19 and 7823(a)(7) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
20 Statutes are amended to read:~~

21 SECTION 1. THE DEFINITIONS OF "CAREER EMERGENCY MEDICAL <--
22 SERVICES," "INVALID COACH" AND "VOLUNTEER EMS COMPANY" IN
23 SECTION 7802 OF TITLE 35 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED

1 STATUTES ARE AMENDED TO READ:

2 § 7802. DEFINITIONS.

3 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS CHAPTER  
4 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE  
5 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

6 \* \* \*

7 "CAREER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES." AS FOLLOWS:

8 (1) A FOR-PROFIT CHARTERED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE  
9 CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION WHICH MEETS ALL OF  
10 THE FOLLOWING:

11 (I) IS LOCATED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

12 (II) IS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

13 (III) IS NOT ASSOCIATED OR AFFILIATED WITH A  
14 HOSPITAL, UNLESS RECOGNIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
15 7823(B.1) (RELATING TO AWARD OF GRANTS).

16 (IV) IS REGULARLY ENGAGED IN THE PROVISION OF  
17 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING BASIC LIFE SUPPORT  
18 OR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES AND ADVANCED LIFE  
19 SUPPORT SQUADS AS DEFINED IN 28 PA. CODE § 1027.1  
20 (RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS).

21 (2) THE TERM SHALL NOT INCLUDE A CORPORATION,  
22 ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION THAT IS PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN THE  
23 [OPERATION OF INVALID COACHES WHICH ARE INTENDED FOR THE]  
24 ROUTINE TRANSPORT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CONVALESCENT OR  
25 NONAMBULATORY AND WHO DO NOT ORDINARILY REQUIRE EMERGENCY  
26 MEDICAL TREATMENT WHILE IN TRANSIT.

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28 ["INVALID COACH." THE TERM SHALL HAVE THE MEANING GIVEN TO  
29 IT IN CHAPTER 81 (RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
30 SYSTEM).]

1 "VOLUNTEER EMS COMPANY." ANY NONPROFIT CHARTERED  
2 CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN THIS  
3 COMMONWEALTH, WHICH IS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
4 IS NOT ASSOCIATED OR AFFILIATED WITH ANY HOSPITAL, UNLESS  
5 RECOGNIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7823(B.1) (RELATING TO  
6 AWARD OF GRANTS), AND WHICH IS REGULARLY ENGAGED IN THE  
7 PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING BASIC LIFE  
8 SUPPORT OR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES AND ADVANCED LIFE  
9 SUPPORT SQUADS AS DEFINED IN 28 PA. CODE § 1027.1 (RELATING TO  
10 GENERAL PROVISIONS). THE TERM SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY CORPORATION,  
11 ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION THAT IS PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN THE  
12 [OPERATION OF INVALID COACHES WHICH ARE INTENDED FOR THE]  
13 ROUTINE TRANSPORT OF PERSONS WHO ARE CONVALESCENT OR OTHERWISE  
14 NONAMBULATORY AND DO NOT ORDINARILY REQUIRE EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
15 TREATMENT WHILE IN TRANSIT.

16 \* \* \*

17 SECTION 2. SECTION 7812 OF TITLE 35 IS AMENDED TO READ:  
18 § 7812. Publication and notice.

19 The commissioner shall publish notice of the grant program  
20 availability through the Legislative Reference Bureau for  
21 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin by August 8 for each  
22 fiscal year. The commissioner shall post a notice of the grant  
23 program and application for the grant program on the Office of  
24 the State Fire Commissioner's publicly accessible Internet  
25 website. To the greatest extent possible, the commissioner shall  
26 utilize the Department of Community and Economic Development's <--  
27 COMMONWEALTH'S ELECTRONIC Single Application for Assistance. <--

28 SECTION 3. SECTION 7813(A)(7), (A.2), (C)(2), (D) AND (E) <--  
29 INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH AND (2)(I) OF TITLE 35 ARE AMENDED AND  
30 THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

1 § 7813. Award of grants.

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

4 \* \* \*

5 [(7) Revenue loss for grants issued in 2021 and 2022.]

6 \* \* \*

7 [(a.2) Additional grants.--Each fire company with not more  
8 than 20 members who are certified by the National Board on Fire  
9 Service Professional Qualifications or by the International Fire  
10 Service Accreditation Congress and are verified by the  
11 Pennsylvania State Fire Academy at a minimum level of  
12 Firefighter 1 on or before July 1 of the year of the grant  
13 application shall be eligible to receive additional grants under  
14 a certification bonus point system as administered by the  
15 commissioner.]

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17 (A.3) ADDITIONAL GRANTS.--THE COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH A <--  
18 CERTIFICATION BONUS POINT SYSTEM TO AWARD ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO  
19 FIRE COMPANIES. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SUBMIT THE CERTIFICATION  
20 BONUS POINT SYSTEM TO THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FOR  
21 PUBLICATION IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE ISSUE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
22 BULLETIN CONCURRENTLY WITH THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SECTION  
23 7812 (RELATING TO PUBLICATION AND NOTICE).

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25 (C) TIME FOR FILING APPLICATION AND DEPARTMENT ACTION.--

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27 (2) FIRE COMPANIES SEEKING GRANTS UNDER THIS CHAPTER  
28 SHALL SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER AND  
29 THE MUNICIPALITIES WHERE THE FIRE COMPANIES ARE LOCATED. THE  
30 FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

1           (I) THE APPLICATION PERIOD SHALL REMAIN OPEN FOR 45  
2 DAYS EACH YEAR. THE AGENCY SHALL ACT TO APPROVE OR  
3 DISAPPROVE APPLICATIONS WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE APPLICATION  
4 SUBMISSION DEADLINE EACH YEAR. APPLICATIONS WHICH HAVE  
5 NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER  
6 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE APPLICATION PERIOD  
7 EACH YEAR SHALL BE DEEMED APPROVED.

8           (II) THE COMMISSIONER MAY EXTEND THE APPLICATION  
9 PERIOD UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) FOR UP TO 45 ADDITIONAL  
10 DAYS FOR A SINGLE FIRE COMPANY, UPON REQUEST BY THE FIRE  
11 COMPANY, IF THE FIRE COMPANY DEMONSTRATES HARDSHIP OR  
12 UNDUE BURDEN THAT PREVENTS THE FIRE COMPANY FROM  
13 SUBMITTING A COMPLETED APPLICATION WITHIN THE  
14 APPLICATION PERIOD SPECIFIED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I). A  
15 FIRE COMPANY MUST REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF THE APPLICATION  
16 PERIOD UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE  
17 OF THE END OF THE APPLICATION PERIOD. THE COMMISSIONER  
18 SHALL HAVE SOLE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE WHETHER A FIRE  
19 COMPANY HAS DEMONSTRATED HARDSHIP OR UNDUE BURDEN UNDER  
20 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

21       (d) Eligibility.--To receive grant funds under this chapter,  
22 a fire company must:

23           (1) Have actively responded to at least 15 fire or  
24 rescue emergencies during the previous calendar year.

25           (2) Be actively participating in the Pennsylvania Fire  
26 Information Reporting System under a signed agreement. The  
27 commissioner shall develop and publish guidelines specifying  
28 the criteria necessary to determine the level of  
29 participation in the Pennsylvania Fire Information Reporting  
30 System to remain eligible for grant funds.

1           (3) Have on record with the commissioner up-to-date  
2 point-of-contact information for the fire company, ~~fire chief~~ <--  
3 and president OR MUNICIPALITY, including mailing address, <--  
4 telephone number and email addresses. THE FIRE COMPANY MUST <--  
5 SUBMIT THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH NO LATER  
6 THAN JULY 31 OF THE YEAR OF THE GRANT APPLICATION.

7           (4) Be registered with the appropriate public safety  
8 answering point as an active response agency.

9           \* \* \* <--

10           (5) BE DESIGNATED BY A MUNICIPALITY, BY RESOLUTION OR <--  
11 ORDINANCE, AS A PROVIDER OF FIRE OR RESCUE SERVICES WITHIN  
12 THE MUNICIPALITY.

13           (E) CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS ACCOUNT.--A FIRE COMPANY MAY APPLY  
14 FOR A GRANT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING  
15 OR RENOVATING A NEW FACILITY. THE GRANT SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO  
16 THE CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS ACCOUNT, WHICH IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN  
17 THE STATE TREASURY. MONEY IN THE CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS ACCOUNT  
18 MAY BE WITHDRAWN BY APPLICATION OF THE FIRE COMPANY. THE  
19 CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS ACCOUNT SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE  
20 COMMISSIONER. THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

21           \* \* \*

22           (2) FOR A FIRE COMPANY TO WITHDRAW MONEY FROM THE  
23 CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

24           (I) THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN THE SIGNATURES OF  
25 TWO DULY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE FIRE COMPANY OR  
26 MUNICIPALITY.

27           \* \* \*

28           SECTION 4. SECTIONS 7814 AND 7822 OF TITLE 35 ARE AMENDED TO  
29 READ:  
30 § 7814. CONSOLIDATION INCENTIVE.

1 IF TWO OR MORE [VOLUNTEER] FIRE COMPANIES CONSOLIDATE THEIR  
2 USE OF FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, FIREFIGHTERS AND SERVICES, THE  
3 CONSOLIDATED ENTITY MAY, UPON NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMISSIONER,  
4 BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REDUCTION OF THE INTEREST RATE PAYABLE ON ANY  
5 OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL BALANCE OWED, AS OF THE DATE OF  
6 CONSOLIDATION, BY ANY OR ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATING COMPANIES TO  
7 THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LOAN FUND FOR LOANS MADE  
8 UNDER THE ACT OF JULY 15, 1976 (P.L.1036, NO.208), KNOWN AS THE  
9 VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, AMBULANCE SERVICE AND RESCUE SQUAD  
10 ASSISTANCE ACT, OR UNDER SUBCHAPTER E OF CHAPTER 73 (RELATING TO  
11 FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LOAN PROGRAM). THE REDUCTION  
12 IN THE INTEREST RATE PAYABLE SHALL BE FROM 2% TO 1%. UPON  
13 RECEIPT OF SUCH NOTIFICATION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE  
14 AND VERIFY THAT THE CONSOLIDATED ENTITY IS IN FACT A BONA FIDE  
15 CONSOLIDATED [VOLUNTEER] FIRE COMPANY. IF THE COMMISSIONER  
16 DETERMINES THAT THE CONSOLIDATED ENTITY IS A BONA FIDE  
17 CONSOLIDATED [VOLUNTEER] FIRE COMPANY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
18 REDUCE THE INTEREST RATE PAYABLE ON ANY OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL  
19 BALANCE OWED TO THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LOAN  
20 FUND FOR LOANS MADE UNDER THE FORMER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY,  
21 AMBULANCE SERVICE AND RESCUE SQUAD ASSISTANCE ACT, OR UNDER  
22 SUBCHAPTER E OF CHAPTER 73, FOR WHICH THE CONSOLIDATING  
23 COMPANIES OR THE CONSOLIDATED ENTITY MAY BE INDIVIDUALLY OR  
24 JOINTLY RESPONSIBLE. THE COMMISSIONER MAY PROMULGATE SUCH RULES  
25 AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS  
26 OF THIS SECTION.

27 § 7822. Publication and notice.

28 The commissioner shall publish notice of the grant program  
29 availability through the Legislative Reference Bureau for  
30 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin by August 8 for each

1 fiscal year. To the greatest extent possible, the commissioner  
2 shall utilize the ~~Department of Community and Economic~~ <--  
3 ~~Development's~~ COMMONWEALTH'S ELECTRONIC Single Application for <--  
4 Assistance.

5 SECTION 5. SECTION 7823(A) (7) AND (C) (2) OF TITLE 35 ARE <--  
6 AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO  
7 READ:

8 § 7823. Award of grants.

9 (a) Authorization.--The commissioner is authorized to make a  
10 grant award to each eligible EMS company for the following:

11 \* \* \*

12 [(7) Revenue loss for grants issued in 2021 and 2022.]

13 \* \* \*

14 (A.1) ADDITIONAL GRANTS.--THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION <--  
15 WITH THE BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, MAY ESTABLISH A  
16 CERTIFICATION BONUS POINT SYSTEM TO AWARD ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO  
17 EMS COMPANIES. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SUBMIT THE CERTIFICATION  
18 BONUS POINT SYSTEM TO THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FOR  
19 PUBLICATION IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE ISSUE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
20 BULLETIN CONCURRENTLY WITH THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SECTION  
21 7822 (RELATING TO PUBLICATION AND NOTICE).

22 \* \* \*

23 (C) TIME FOR FILING APPLICATION AND DEPARTMENT ACTION.--

24 \* \* \*

25 (2) EMS COMPANIES SEEKING GRANTS UNDER THIS CHAPTER  
26 SHALL SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER. THE  
27 FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

28 (I) THE APPLICATION PERIOD SHALL REMAIN OPEN FOR 45  
29 DAYS EACH YEAR. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ACT TO APPROVE OR  
30 DISAPPROVE APPLICATIONS WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE APPLICATION



1 SUBMISSION DEADLINE EACH YEAR. APPLICATIONS WHICH HAVE  
2 NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER  
3 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE APPLICATION PERIOD  
4 EACH YEAR SHALL BE DEEMED APPROVED.

5 (II) THE COMMISSIONER MAY EXTEND THE APPLICATION  
6 PERIOD UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) FOR UP TO 45 ADDITIONAL  
7 DAYS FOR A SINGLE EMS COMPANY, UPON REQUEST BY THE FIRE  
8 COMPANY, IF THE EMS COMPANY DEMONSTRATES HARDSHIP OR  
9 UNDUE BURDEN THAT PREVENTS THE EMS COMPANY FROM  
10 SUBMITTING A COMPLETED APPLICATION WITHIN THE  
11 APPLICATION PERIOD SPECIFIED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I). AN  
12 EMS COMPANY MUST REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF THE APPLICATION  
13 PERIOD UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE  
14 OF THE END OF THE APPLICATION PERIOD. THE COMMISSIONER  
15 SHALL HAVE SOLE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN EMS  
16 COMPANY HAS DEMONSTRATED HARDSHIP OR UNDUE BURDEN UNDER  
17 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

18 Section 2 6. Subchapter C.1 of Chapter 78, section 7832.2 <--  
19 and Subchapter E of Chapter 78 of Title 35 are repealed:

20 [SUBCHAPTER C.1

21 COVID-19 CRISIS FIRE COMPANY AND

22 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM

23 Sec.

24 7827.1. Establishment.

25 7827.2. Publication and notice.

26 7827.3. Award of grants.

27 § 7827.1. Establishment.

28 The COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical  
29 Services Grant Program is established and shall be administered  
30 by the agency. Grants provided under the program shall be used

1 by fire companies and EMS companies to provide services during  
2 the novel coronavirus pandemic as identified in the proclamation  
3 of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020,  
4 published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of  
5 the state of disaster emergency.

6 § 7827.2. Publication and notice.

7 The agency shall transmit notice of the COVID-19 Crisis Fire  
8 Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program  
9 availability to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication  
10 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 30 days of the effective  
11 date of this section.

12 § 7827.3. Award of grants.

13 (a) Authorization.--The agency shall make a grant award from  
14 the COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services  
15 Grant Program to:

16 (1) Each eligible fire company that received a grant  
17 award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7813 (relating  
18 to award of grants) for the purposes under section 7813(a)  
19 and (a.1).

20 (2) A fire company that did not apply for or receive a  
21 grant award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7813 and  
22 that applies for a grant under this subchapter for the  
23 purposes under section 7813(a) and (a.1).

24 (3) Each eligible EMS company that received a grant  
25 award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7823 (relating  
26 to award of grants) for the purposes under section 7823(a).

27 (4) An EMS company that did not apply for or receive a  
28 grant award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7823 and  
29 that applies for a grant under this subchapter for the  
30 purposes under section 7823(a).

1 (b) Amount of award.--The amount of the grant award under  
2 this subchapter shall be the same amount of the grant award for  
3 fiscal year 2019-2020 to:

4 (1) An eligible fire company under section 7813.

5 (2) An eligible EMS company under section 7823.

6 (c) Application not required.--

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

10 (2) A fire company under subsection (a) (2) and an EMS  
11 company under subsection (a) (4) must file an application for  
12 a grant under this subchapter.

13 § 7832.2. COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical  
14 Services Grant Program.

15 The following shall apply to any appropriation from money  
16 received by the Commonwealth under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,  
17 and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136, 134 Stat. 281)  
18 for purposes of making grants under Subchapter C.1 (relating to  
19 COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services  
20 Grant Program):

21 (1) The sum of \$44,000,000 of the amount appropriated  
22 shall be expended for the purpose of making grants to  
23 eligible fire companies.

24 (2) The sum of \$6,000,000 of the amount appropriated  
25 shall be expended for the purpose of making grants to  
26 eligible EMS companies.

27 (3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the agency  
28 may use up to \$200,000 of unencumbered funds from the amount  
29 appropriated for administrative costs for the implementation  
30 of Subchapter C.1.

SUBCHAPTER E

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

COVID-19 RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM

Sec.

7841. Establishment.

7842. Award of grants.

7843. Funding and costs.

7844. Report.

§ 7841. Establishment.

The Emergency Medical Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program is established and shall be administered by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner in consultation with the Department of Health. Grants provided under the Emergency Medical Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program shall be used by EMS companies to provide services in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

§ 7842. Award of grants.

(a) Application not required.--No application shall be required to receive a grant under this subchapter.

(b) Notification.--The Office of the State Fire Commissioner shall notify in writing each EMS company, as defined under section 7802 (relating to definitions), of the availability of grants from the Emergency Medical Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program for the purposes under section 7823(a) (relating to award of grants).

(c) Certification.--The Office of the State Fire Commissioner shall include with the written notification under subsection (b) a form for each eligible EMS company to certify that a grant received under this subchapter shall be used for the purposes under section 7823(a) and provide a deadline by

1 which an EMS company must return the certification form.

2 (d) Amount.--Grants shall be awarded under this subchapter  
3 in an amount equal to the total amount of funds appropriated  
4 under section 7843 (relating to funding and costs) less the  
5 amount used under section 7843(b) divided by the total number of  
6 EMS companies that returned the certification under subsection  
7 (c).

8 (e) Report.--No later than July 30, 2022, each EMS company  
9 receiving a grant award under this subchapter shall report to  
10 the Office of the State Fire Commissioner how it will use the  
11 grant money awarded under subsection (d).

12 § 7843. Funding and costs.

13 (a) Appropriation.--The sum of \$25,000,000 of Federal funds  
14 in the COVID-19 Response Restricted Account is appropriated to  
15 the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for the Emergency  
16 Medical Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program under this  
17 subchapter. The provisions of section 111-C(g) of the act of  
18 April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, shall  
19 not apply to the amount appropriated under this section.

20 (b) Administrative costs.--The Office of the State Fire  
21 Commissioner may use up to \$200,000 of unencumbered funds from  
22 the amount appropriated under subsection (a) for administrative  
23 costs for the implementation of this subchapter.

24 § 7844. Report.

25 (a) Contents.--The commissioner shall prepare a report on  
26 the Emergency Medical Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program.  
27 The report shall include all of the following information:

28 (1) The total number of EMS companies that were notified  
29 of the grant program.

30 (2) The total number of EMS companies that submitted a

1 certification for the grant program.

2 (3) The total number of EMS companies that received a  
3 grant.

4 (4) The total amount of the grant received by each EMS  
5 company.

6 (5) A summary of how each EMS company will use the grant  
7 money awarded under the program.

8 (b) Submission.--The commissioner shall submit the report by  
9 September 1, 2022, to all of the following:

10 (1) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs  
11 and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate.

12 (2) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs  
13 and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of  
14 Representatives.

15 (3) The chair and minority chair of the Appropriations  
16 Committee of the Senate.

17 (4) The chair and minority chair of the Appropriations  
18 Committee of the House of Representatives.

19 (c) Posting.--The commissioner shall post the annual report  
20 on the Office of the State Fire Commissioner's publicly  
21 accessible Internet website.]

22 Section ~~3~~ 7. Section 7891 of Title 35 is amended to read: <--

23 § 7891. Expiration of authority.

24 The authority of the commissioner to award grants under  
25 Subchapters B (relating to fire company grant program) and C  
26 (relating to emergency medical services grant program) shall  
27 expire [~~June 30, 2024~~] December 31, 2034.

28 Section ~~4~~ 8. Sections 7892 and 7893 of Title 35 are <--  
29 repealed:

30 [~~§ 7892. Expiration of authority relating to COVID-19 Crisis~~

1 Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant  
2 Program.

3 The authority of the agency to award grants under Subchapter  
4 C.1 (relating to COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency  
5 Medical Services Grant Program) shall expire six months after  
6 the effective date of this section.

7 § 7893. Expiration of authority relating to Emergency Medical  
8 Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program.

9 The authority of the Office of the State Fire Commissioner to  
10 award grants under Subchapter E (relating to Emergency Medical  
11 Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program) shall expire June 30,  
12 2022.]

13 Section ~~5~~ 9. Section 7895(a) (5) of Title 35 is amended to <--  
14 read:

15 § 7895. Annual reports.

16 (a) Contents.--The commissioner shall prepare an annual  
17 report on the Fire Company Grant Program and Emergency Medical  
18 Services Grant Program. The annual report shall include all of  
19 the following information:

20 \* \* \*

21 [(5) A list of the fire companies as delineated by  
22 county that received additional grants under section  
23 7813(a.2) (relating to award of grants).]

24 \* \* \*

25 Section ~~6~~ 10. This act shall take effect in ~~60~~ 30 days. <--