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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, APRIL 15, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), entitled
 2 "An act establishing a uniform construction code; imposing
 3 powers and duties on municipalities and the Department of
 4 Labor and Industry; providing for enforcement; imposing
 5 penalties; and making repeals," in adoption and enforcement
 6 by municipalities, providing for fire protection services
 7 fee.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45),
 11 known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, is amended to
 12 by adding a section to read:

13 Section 501.1. Fire protection services fee.

14 (a) Fee.--Municipalities administering and enforcing the
 15 provisions of this act may assess a fee of not more than \$30 for
 16 fire protection services on each occupancy permit issued under
 17 this act. The fee for fire protection services shall be in
 18 addition to any other fee imposed on the occupancy permit. The
 19 fee may only be used to pay for the following:

20 (1) Accessory equipment, apparatus equipment,

1 communications equipment and protective equipment used by
2 volunteer firefighters or firefighters employed by
3 municipalities during firefighting, emergency responding
4 services and training purposes.

5 (2) Rescue vehicles or utility or special services
6 vehicles used by volunteer firefighters or firefighters
7 employed by municipalities during firefighting, emergency
8 responding services and training purposes.

9 (3) Construction or maintenance of firehouses utilized
10 by volunteer firefighters or firefighters employed by
11 municipalities.

12 (4) Salaries of paid firefighters who are employed by a
13 municipality.

14 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
15 words and phrases shall have the meaning given to them in this
16 subsection:

17 "Accessory equipment." Firefighting and rescue equipment
18 necessary to carry out the ordinary functions of supporting fire
19 and rescue activities.

20 "Apparatus equipment." Elevated equipment, pumpers, tankers,
21 ladder trucks, utility or special service vehicles, rescue
22 vehicles or other large equipment used by firefighters.

23 "Communications equipment." Any voice or original
24 transmission system required to support the operation of a fire
25 company.

26 "Firehouse." Facilities used by fire companies to house
27 firefighting equipment. The term shall not include meeting
28 halls, social rooms or any other facilities not directly related
29 to firefighting.

30 "Protective equipment." Any equipment used by firefighters

1 to protect their persons from injury while performing their
2 functions, including, but not limited to, helmets, turnout coats
3 and pants, boots, eyeshields, gloves and self-contained
4 respiratory protection units.

5 "Rescue vehicle." Any vehicle used for the rescue services.

6 "Utility or special service vehicle." A vehicle carrying
7 accessory equipment, including, but not limited to, ladders,
8 oxygen equipment, generators and adapters, floodlights, smoke
9 ejectors and other equipment necessary to perform the ordinary
10 functions of supporting firefighting activities.

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