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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for assistance to
3 volunteer fire companies, ambulance service and rescue
4 squads; and making a related repeal.

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

7 Section 1. Section 7364(a)(2) and (b) of Title 35 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 7364. Assistance to volunteer fire companies, ambulance
10 service and rescue squads.

11 (a) General rule.--The office is authorized, upon
12 application of any volunteer fire company, volunteer ambulance
13 service or volunteer rescue squad, to make loans for the
14 following purposes:

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16 (2) Purchasing firefighting apparatus, ambulances or
17 rescue vehicles. The amount of a loan made for purchasing

1 firefighting apparatus to any one volunteer fire company
2 shall not exceed \$200,000 for any single firefighting
3 apparatus equipment or utility or special service vehicle or
4 heavy duty rescue vehicle as defined by regulation or
5 guideline, or 50% of the total cost of the equipment or
6 vehicle, whichever is less, except for loans for aerial
7 apparatus or heavy rescue trucks as defined by regulation or
8 guideline, which shall not exceed \$300,000. The amount of a
9 loan made to any one volunteer fire company, ambulance
10 service or rescue squad for any ambulance or light duty
11 rescue vehicle as defined by regulation or guideline shall
12 not exceed \$100,000 and for a watercraft rescue vehicle shall
13 not exceed \$30,000 or 50% of the cost of the ambulance or
14 rescue vehicle, whichever is less, and a notarized financial
15 statement filed under subsection (c) shall show that the
16 applicant has available 20% of the total cost of the vehicle
17 in unobligated funds.

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19 (b) Loans.--Loans made by the office in the amount of
20 \$30,000 or less shall be for a period of not more than ten
21 years. Loans in excess of \$30,000 but not in excess of \$100,000
22 shall be for a period of not more than 15 years. The payback
23 period of any loan in excess of \$100,000, except a loan for
24 establishing or modernizing facilities, shall not exceed [20] 25
25 years. The payback period for any loan in excess of \$200,000 for
26 establishing or modernizing facilities shall not exceed 20
27 years. Loans shall be subject to the payment of interest at 2%
28 per year and shall be subject to such security as shall be
29 determined by the commissioner. The total amount of interest
30 earned by the investment or reinvestment of all or any part of

1 the principal of any loan shall be returned to the office and
2 transferred to the Volunteer Companies Loan Fund and shall not
3 be credited as payment of principal or interest on the loan.
4 Except as provided in subsection (a)(5) and (7), the minimum
5 amount of any loan shall be \$10,000.

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7 Section 2. Repeals are as follows:

8 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
9 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the amendment of 35
10 Pa.C.S. § 7364.

11 (2) Section 11 of the act of December 12, 1994 (P.L.944,
12 No.134), known as the Farm Safety and Occupational Health
13 Act, is repealed.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.