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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MAY 25, 2017

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, for Fire Company Grant Program and for
5 allocation of appropriated funds.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 7813(b), 7831 and 7833(a) of Title 35 of
9 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 7813. Award of grants.

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12 (b) Limits.--

13 (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] paragraphs (1.1)
14 and (3), grants shall be not less than \$2,500 and not more
15 than \$15,000 per fire company.

16 (1.1) Grants shall be awarded to paid municipal fire
17 companies based on the population, under the most recent
18 Federal decennial census, of the municipality in which the

1 fire company is located as follows:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Maximum Grant</u>
<u>Up to 20,000.....</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
<u>From 20,001 to 40,000.....</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
<u>From 40,001 to 60,000.....</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>
<u>From 60,001 to 80,000.....</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
<u>From 80,001 to 100,000.....</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>
<u>From 100,001 to 200,000.....</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
<u>From 200,001 to 900,000.....</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>
<u>Over 900,000.....</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

11 (2) Grants may be awarded on a pro rata basis if the
12 total dollar amount of the approved application exceeds the
13 amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this
14 purpose.

15 (3) In a municipality where there are two or more
16 volunteer fire companies and if two or more volunteer fire
17 companies consolidated their use of equipment, firefighters
18 and services within 10 years preceding the date of the
19 current year application submission deadline, the
20 consolidated entity shall be deemed eligible to receive a
21 grant not to exceed the amount of the combined total for
22 which the individual companies would have been eligible had
23 they not consolidated.

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25 § 7831. Fire Company Grant Program.

26 The sum of [\$22,000,000] \$27,000,000 of the amount
27 appropriated to the agency for fire company grants under section
28 1799-E of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as
29 The Fiscal Code, shall be expended for the purpose of making
30 grants to eligible fire companies under Subchapter B (relating

1 to fire company grant program).

2 § 7833. Allocation of appropriated funds.

3 (a) Administration.--

4 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), no money
5 from the appropriation for grants shall be used for expenses
6 or costs incurred by the agency for the administration of the
7 grant programs authorized under Subchapters B (relating to
8 fire company grant program) and C (relating to emergency
9 medical services grant program).

10 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the commissioner may
11 use not more than [\$800,000] \$1,000,000 of any unencumbered
12 funds remaining in the fund for administrative costs for
13 grant program implementation under this chapter.

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