
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in grants to fire companies and
3 volunteer services, providing for the volunteer quick
4 response service.

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

7 Section 1. The definition of "volunteer ambulance service"
8 in section 7802 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended and the section is amended by adding a
10 definition to read:

11 § 7802. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
13 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
14 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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16 "Volunteer ambulance service." Any nonprofit chartered
17 corporation, association or organization located in this
18 Commonwealth, which is licensed by the Department of Health and

1 is not associated or affiliated with any hospital and which is
2 regularly engaged in the provision of emergency medical
3 services, including basic life support or advanced life support
4 services and advanced life support squads as defined in 28 Pa.
5 Code § 1005.1 (relating to general provisions). The term shall
6 include a volunteer quick response service. The term shall not
7 include any corporation, association or organization that is
8 primarily engaged in the operation of invalid coaches which are
9 intended for the routine transport of persons who are
10 convalescent or otherwise nonambulatory and do not ordinarily
11 require emergency medical treatment while in transit.

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13 "Volunteer quick response service." As follows:

14 (1) Any nonprofit chartered corporation, association or
15 organization which meets all of the following:

16 (i) Is located in this Commonwealth.

17 (ii) Is licensed by the Department of Health.

18 (iii) Is not associated or affiliated with any
19 hospital, fire company, fire department or any emergency
20 medical services agency.

21 (iv) Is regularly engaged in the provision of
22 emergency medical services to patients pending the
23 arrival of an ambulance.

24 (v) Has been recognized by a municipality to provide
25 quick response service for that municipality.

26 (2) The term shall not include any corporation,
27 association or organization that is primarily engaged in the
28 operation of invalid coaches which are intended for the
29 routine transport of persons who are convalescent or
30 otherwise nonambulatory and do not ordinarily require

1 emergency medical treatment while in transit.

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