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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
APRIL 8, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled
2 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;
3 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for
4 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint
5 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business
6 financial management firms, for private dam financial
7 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for
8 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,
9 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the
10 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property
11 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
12 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale,
13 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds
14 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the
15 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the
16 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the
17 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the
18 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and
19 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
20 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
21 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
23 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
24 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
25 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
26 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
27 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
28 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
29 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
30 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
31 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
32 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
33 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,

1 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
2 Commonwealth," in emergency COVID-19 response, providing for
3 reimbursement payment for certification as emergency medical
4 services personnel and establishing the Emergency Medical
5 Services Certification Program.

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

8 Section 1. Article I-C of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343,
9 No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a
10 section to read:

11 Section 151-C. Emergency Medical Services Certification
12 Program.

13 (a) Use of funds.--From money appropriated to the department
14 for COVID Relief - Emergency Medical Services Certification
15 Program, \$3,000,000 shall be allocated to the bureau and shall
16 be used to make payments under this section.

17 (b) Establishment of program.--The Emergency Medical
18 Services Certification Program is established in the bureau as a
19 Statewide program.

20 (c) Purpose of program.--The program shall receive
21 applications and award reimbursement payments to applicants who
22 successfully attain any of the following certifications after
23 the effective date of this section:

24 (1) Emergency medical responder.

25 (2) Emergency medical technician.

26 (3) Advanced emergency medical technician.

27 (4) Paramedic.

28 (d) Application.--The bureau shall develop an application
29 for an applicant to apply for a reimbursement payment within 30
30 days of the applicant successfully completing a certification
31 listed in subsection (c). The application shall be made
32 available and posted on the department's publicly accessible

1 Internet website and shall be in a form that can be completed
2 electronically or through the United States mail.

3 (e) Guidelines.--The bureau shall establish guidelines that
4 are consistent with the provisions of this section within 30
5 days of the effective date of this section. The guidelines shall
6 be:

7 (1) Transmitted as a notice to the Legislative Reference
8 Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

9 (2) Posted on the bureau's publicly accessible Internet
10 website.

11 (f) Program requirements.--An applicant may be eligible for
12 a reimbursement payment under this section provided that the
13 applicant submits the following to the department:

14 (1) Within 30 days of completion, proof of successful
15 emergency medical services certification.

16 (2) A copy of the invoice, receipt or proof of payment
17 to an emergency medical services education institution
18 located in this Commonwealth.

19 (3) The application form developed under subsection (d).

20 (g) Reimbursement limit.--The bureau may award a
21 reimbursement payment to an applicant not to exceed the
22 applicant's cost of certification.

23 (h) Award.--The bureau shall award reimbursement payments
24 under this section no later than two months after the receipt of
25 a completed application. The bureau shall ensure that
26 reimbursement payments are made available to all geographic
27 areas of this Commonwealth.

28 (i) Expiration.--This section shall expire after the money
29 allocated to the bureau under subsection (a) has been exhausted.
30 The department shall transmit notice of the date that the money

1 is exhausted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication
2 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

3 (j) Ineligibility.--An applicant who has already received a
4 reimbursement payment for certification under this section shall
5 be ineligible to participate in the program again.

6 (k) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
7 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
8 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

9 "Applicant." A Commonwealth resident who has submitted an
10 application for a reimbursement payment under the program.

11 "Bureau." The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services within
12 the department.

13 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

14 "Program." The Emergency Medical Services Certification
15 Program established under this section.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.