
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 836 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY WARD, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, WHITE,
COSTA, LANGERHOLC AND RESCHENTHALER, JULY 31, 2017

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
JULY 31, 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 relating to Fire Company Grant Program and
5 for award of grants relating to Emergency Medical Services
6 Grant Program.

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

9 Section 1. Sections 7813(a) and 7823(a) of Title 35 of the
10 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

11 § 7813. Award of grants.

12 (a) Authorization.--The agency is authorized to make a grant
13 award to each eligible fire company for the following:

14 (1) Construction and renovation of the fire company's
15 facility and purchase or repair of fixtures and furnishings
16 necessary to maintain or improve the capability of the
17 company to provide fire, ambulance and rescue services.

18 (2) Repair of firefighting, ambulance or rescue
19 equipment or purchase thereof.

1 (3) Debt reduction associated with paragraph (1) or (2).

2 (4) Training and certification of members.

3 (5) Training and education of the general public
4 regarding fire prevention.

5 (6) The purchase of an animal to be used in rescue and
6 recovery services or in the detection of accelerant or the
7 training thereof, including training of a handler for the
8 animal.

9 (7) Body armor or other protective gear worn on the body
10 and meant to provide protection from weapons.

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12 § 7823. Award of grants.

13 (a) Authorization.--The agency is authorized to make a grant
14 award to each eligible EMS company for the following:

15 (1) Construction and renovation of the EMS company's
16 facility and purchase or repair of fixtures, furnishings,
17 office equipment and support services necessary to maintain
18 or improve the capability of the ambulance service to provide
19 ambulance, emergency medical, basic life support and advanced
20 life support services.

21 (2) Repair of ambulance equipment or purchase thereof.

22 (3) Debt reduction associated with paragraph (1) or (2).

23 (4) Training and certification of members.

24 (5) The purchase of an animal to be used in rescue and
25 recovery services or the training thereof, including training
26 of a handler for the animal.

27 (6) Body armor or other protective gear worn on the body
28 and meant to provide protection from weapons.

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