

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 28, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in COVID-19 Disaster Emergency, <--
3 providing for Emergency Appropriations for Institutional and
4 home-based Care; in volunteer firefighters, further providing
5 for funds; and, in grants to fire companies and emergency
6 medical services companies, providing for COVID-19 Crisis
7 Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program.

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

10 Section 1. Chapter 57 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania <--
11 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

SUBCHAPTER F

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR INSTITUTIONAL AND HOME BASED CARE

14 Sec.

15 5751. Response to COVID 19 disaster emergency.

16 § 5751. Response to COVID 19 disaster emergency.

17 (a) Construction with General Appropriation Act of 2019.

18 All appropriations contained in this section from the COVID 19

1 ~~Response Restricted Account shall be in addition to any~~
2 ~~appropriation under the act of June 28, 2019 (P.L. _____, No.1A),~~
3 ~~known as the General Appropriation Act of 2019.~~

4 ~~(b) Appropriations to Department of Human Services.~~
5 ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following~~
6 ~~amounts are appropriated from the COVID 19 Response Restricted~~
7 ~~Account to the Department of Human Services for the 2019-2020~~
8 ~~fiscal year:~~

9 ~~The following Federal~~
10 ~~amounts are appropriated to~~
11 ~~supplement the sum appropriated~~
12 ~~for "Medical Assistance — Long~~
13 ~~Term Care":~~

14 ~~(1) "COVID — Medical~~
15 ~~Assistance — Long Term Care."~~

16 ~~Federal appropriation.....~~ 449,000,000

17 ~~The following Federal~~
18 ~~amounts are appropriated to~~
19 ~~supplement the sum appropriated~~
20 ~~for "Medical Assistance — Long~~
21 ~~Term Care — Managed Care":~~

22 ~~(1) "COVID — Medical~~
23 ~~Assistance — Long Term Care —~~
24 ~~Managed Care."~~

25 ~~Federal appropriation.....~~ 8,000,000

26 ~~The following Federal~~
27 ~~amounts are appropriated to~~
28 ~~supplement the sum appropriated~~
29 ~~for "Community HealthChoices":~~

30 ~~(1) "COVID — Community~~

1 HealthChoices."

2 Federal appropriation..... 50,000,000

3 ~~Section 2. Section 7416(f) of Title 35 is amended by adding~~
4 ~~a paragraph to read:~~

5 SECTION 1. SECTION 7416(F) OF TITLE 35 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <--
6 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED BY ADDING A PARAGRAPH TO READ:
7 § 7416. Funds.

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9 (f) Use.--Funds of any volunteer firefighters' relief
10 association may be spent:

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12 (18) To pay for expenses for cleaning, sanitizing and
13 disinfecting of equipment and property, or other expenses
14 incurred to prevent the spread of communicable illnesses.

15 Section 3 2. Chapter 78 of Title 35 is amended by adding a <--
16 subchapter to read:

17 SUBCHAPTER C.1

18 COVID-19 CRISIS FIRE COMPANY AND

19 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM

20 Sec.

21 7823.1. Establishment.

22 7823.2. Publication and notice.

23 7823.3. Award of grants.

24 § 7823.1. Establishment.

25 The COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical
26 Services Grant Program is established and shall be administered
27 by the agency. Grants provided under the program shall be used
28 by fire companies and EMS companies to provide services during
29 the novel coronavirus pandemic as identified in the proclamation
30 of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020,

1 published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of
2 the state of disaster emergency.

3 § 7823.2. Publication and notice.

4 The agency shall transmit notice of the COVID-19 Crisis Fire
5 Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program
6 availability to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication
7 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 30 days of the effective
8 date of this section.

9 § 7823.3. Award of grants.

10 (a) Authorization.--The agency shall make a grant award from
11 the COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services
12 Grant Program to:

13 (1) Each eligible fire company that received a grant
14 award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7813 (relating
15 to award of grants) for the purposes under section 7813(a)
16 and (a.1).

17 (2) A fire company that did not apply for or receive a
18 grant award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7813 and
19 that applies for a grant under this subchapter for the
20 purposes under section 7813(a) and (a.1).

21 (3) Each eligible EMS company that received a grant
22 award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7823 (relating
23 to award of grants) for the purposes under section 7823(a).

24 (4) An EMS company that did not apply for or receive a
25 grant award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7823 and
26 that applies for a grant under this subchapter for the
27 purposes under section 7823(a).

28 (b) Amount of award.--The amount of the grant award under
29 this subchapter shall be the same amount of the grant award for
30 fiscal year 2019-2020 to:

1 (1) An eligible fire company under section 7813.

2 (2) An eligible EMS company under section 7823.

3 (c) Application not required.--

4 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), no
5 additional application shall be required for a grant under
6 this subchapter.

7 (2) A fire company under subsection (a)(2) and an EMS
8 company under subsection (a)(4) must file an application for
9 a grant under this subchapter.

10 Section 4 3. Title 35 is amended by adding sections to read: <--

11 § 7832.2. COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical
12 Services Grant Program.

13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of <--

14 \$31,000,000 is appropriated THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY TO ANY <--

15 APPROPRIATION from money received by the Commonwealth under the

16 Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act <--

17 (Public Law 116-136) for purposes of making grants under

18 Subchapter C.1 (relating to COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and

19 Emergency Medical Services Grant Program). The following shall <--

20 apply:

21 (1) The sum of \$26,400,000 \$44,000,000 of the amount <--

22 appropriated shall be expended for the purpose of making
23 grants to eligible fire companies.

24 (2) The sum of \$4,600,000 \$6,000,000 of the amount <--

25 appropriated shall be expended for the purpose of making
26 grants to eligible EMS companies.

27 (3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the agency
28 may use up to \$200,000 of unencumbered funds from the amount
29 appropriated for administrative costs for the implementation
30 of Subchapter C.1.

1 § 7841.1. Expiration of authority relating to COVID-19 Crisis
2 Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant
3 Program.

4 The authority of the agency to award grants under Subchapter
5 C.1 (relating to COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency
6 Medical Services Grant Program) shall expire six months after
7 the effective date of this section.

8 Section 5 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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