

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 370 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY WHITE, YAW, BAKER, GORDNER, SMITH, COSTA, YUDICHAK, HUTCHINSON, BOSCOLA, SCARNATI, TARTAGLIONE, WOZNIAK, STEFANO, RAFFERTY AND WARD, JANUARY 30, 2015

SENATOR BROWNE, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, JUNE 15, 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, further providing for award of grants to
4 eligible fire companies and volunteer ambulance services.

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

7 Section 1. Sections ~~7813(b)~~ 7813(A) AND (B) and 7823(b) of <--
8 Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended
9 to read:

10 § 7813. Award of grants.

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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

1 EQUIPMENT OR PURCHASE THEREOF.

2 (3) DEBT REDUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2).

3 (4) TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

4 (5) TRAINING AND EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

5 REGARDING FIRE PREVENTION.

6 (b) Limits.--

7 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3), grants shall be
8 not less than \$2,500 and not more than \$15,000 per fire
9 company.

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

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

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24 § 7823. Award of grants.

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26 (b) Limits.--

27 (1) Grants shall be not less than \$2,500 and not more
28 than \$10,000 per volunteer ambulance service.

29 (2) Grants may be awarded on a pro rata basis if the
30 total dollar amount of the approved application exceeds the

1 amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this
2 purpose.

3 (3) If two or more volunteer ambulance services
4 consolidated their use of equipment, personnel and services
5 within [five] 10 years preceding the date of the current year
6 application submission deadline, the consolidated entity
7 shall be deemed eligible to receive a grant not to exceed the
8 amount of the combined total for which the individual
9 companies would have been eligible had they not consolidated.

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