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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JUNE 10, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations)
2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general
3 provisions relating to corporation bureau and UCC fees,
4 further providing for fee schedule; and, in incorporation,
5 providing for exemption from certain fees AND SOLICITATION <--
6 REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES.

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

9 Section 1. Section 153(a)(1) introductory paragraph of Title
10 15 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
11 § 153. Fee schedule.

12 (a) General rule.--The nonrefundable fees of the bureau,
13 including fees for the public acts and transactions of the
14 Secretary of the Commonwealth administered through the bureau,
15 shall be as follows:

16 (1) Domestic corporations, except as provided in section
17 5332 (relating to exemption from certain fees AND <--
18 SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES):

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2 Section 2. Title 15 is amended by adding a section to read:

3 § 5332. Exemption from certain fees AND SOLICITATION <--

4 REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES.

5 (a) Payment.--A volunteer fire company filing articles of
6 incorporation under this chapter shall be exempt from the
7 payment of the fee established under section 153(a)(1)(i)
8 (relating to fee schedule).

9 (A.1) SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS EXEMPTION.-- <--

10 (1) A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FILING ARTICLES OF
11 INCORPORATION UNDER THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE
12 REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLICITATION ESTABLISHED BY THE ACT OF
13 DECEMBER 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, NO.202), KNOWN AS THE
14 SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES ACT.

15 (2) A SUPPLIER, VENDOR OR PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISING
16 COUNSEL CONTRACTED BY A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FILING
17 ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION UNDER THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE EXEMPT
18 FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLICITATION ESTABLISHED UNDER THE
19 SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES ACT AS THOSE
20 REQUIREMENTS RELATE TO ANY CONDUCT PERFORMED IN THE RAISING
21 OF FUNDS FOR USE BY THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.

22 (b) Offenses.--

23 (1) If a person fraudulently obtains a fee exemption
24 permitted under this section, the person commits a
25 misdemeanor of the third degree.

26 (2) If a person assigns, transfers or attempts to assign
27 or transfer a fee exemption or uses or attempts to use a fee
28 exemption contrary to this section, the person commits a
29 misdemeanor of the third degree.

30 (c) Reporting.--

1 (1) The department shall annually determine the total
2 number of fee exemptions applied for and issued and the total
3 dollar amount of the fee exemptions under this section.

4 (2) The department shall issue an annual report
5 containing the information under paragraph (1).

6 (3) Each report under paragraph (2) shall be
7 transmitted, electronically or otherwise, to:

8 (i) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
9 Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of
10 the Senate.

11 (ii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
12 Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of
13 the House of Representatives.

14 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
15 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
16 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

17 "Volunteer fire company." As defined in 35 Pa.C.S. § 7802
18 (relating to definitions).

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