

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR BROWNE, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, MAY 12, 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:

12 SUBCHAPTER F

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

18 \$200,000,000 is appropriated from money received by the

1 ~~Commonwealth under the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and~~
2 ~~Economic Security Act (Public Law 116 136) for the purpose of~~
3 ~~making payments on behalf of eligible persons under section~~
4 ~~443.1 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the~~
5 ~~Human Services Code, whose institutional care is prescribed by~~
6 ~~physicians.~~

7 (A) CONSTRUCTION WITH GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2019.-- <--
8 ALL APPROPRIATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION FROM THE COVID-19
9 RESPONSE RESTRICTED ACCOUNT SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY
10 APPROPRIATION UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE 28, 2019 (P.L. , NO.1A),
11 KNOWN AS THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2019.

12 (B) APPROPRIATIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.--
13 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE FOLLOWING
14 AMOUNTS ARE APPROPRIATED FROM THE COVID-19 RESPONSE RESTRICTED
15 ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE 2019-2020
16 FISCAL YEAR:

17 THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL
18 AMOUNTS ARE APPROPRIATED TO
19 SUPPLEMENT THE SUM APPROPRIATED
20 FOR "MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - LONG-
21 TERM CARE":

22 (1) "COVID - MEDICAL
23 ASSISTANCE - LONG-TERM CARE."
24 FEDERAL APPROPRIATION..... 449,000,000

25 THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL
26 AMOUNTS ARE APPROPRIATED TO
27 SUPPLEMENT THE SUM APPROPRIATED
28 FOR "MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - LONG-
29 TERM CARE - MANAGED CARE":

30 (1) "COVID - MEDICAL

1 ASSISTANCE - LONG-TERM CARE -

2 MANAGED CARE."

3 FEDERAL APPROPRIATION..... 8,000,000

4 THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL

5 AMOUNTS ARE APPROPRIATED TO

6 SUPPLEMENT THE SUM APPROPRIATED

7 FOR "COMMUNITY HEALTHCHOICES":

8 (1) "COVID - COMMUNITY

9 HEALTHCHOICES."

10 FEDERAL APPROPRIATION..... 50,000,000

11 SECTION 2. SECTION 7416(F) OF TITLE 35 IS AMENDED BY ADDING <--

12 A PARAGRAPH TO READ:

13 § 7416. FUNDS.

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15 (F) USE.--FUNDS OF ANY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF

16 ASSOCIATION MAY BE SPENT:

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18 (18) TO PAY FOR EXPENSES FOR CLEANING, SANITIZING AND

19 DISINFECTING OF EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY, OR OTHER EXPENSES

20 INCURRED TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE ILLNESSES.

21 Section 2 3. Chapter 78 of Title 35 is amended by adding a <--

22 subchapter to read:

23 SUBCHAPTER C.1

24 COVID-19 CRISIS FIRE COMPANY AND

25 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM

26 Sec.

27 7823.1. Establishment.

28 7823.2. Publication and notice.

29 7823.3. Award of grants.

30 § 7823.1. Establishment.

1 The COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical
2 Services Grant Program is established and shall be administered
3 by the agency. Grants provided under the program shall be used
4 by fire companies and EMS companies to provide services during
5 the novel coronavirus pandemic as identified in the proclamation
6 of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020,
7 published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of
8 the state of disaster emergency.

9 § 7823.2. Publication and notice.

10 The agency shall transmit notice of the COVID-19 Crisis Fire
11 Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program
12 availability to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication
13 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 30 days of the effective
14 date of this section.

15 § 7823.3. Award of grants.

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

19 (1) Each eligible fire company that received a grant
20 award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7813 (relating
21 to award of grants) for the purposes under section 7813(a)
22 and (a.1).

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

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

30 (4) An EMS company that did not apply for or receive a

1 grant award in fiscal year 2019-2020 under section 7823 and
2 that applies for a grant under this subchapter for the
3 purposes under section 7823(a).

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

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

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

9 (c) Application not required.--

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

13 (2) A fire company under subsection (a) (2) and an EMS
14 company under subsection (a) (4) must file an application for
15 a grant under this subchapter.

16 Section 3 4. Title 35 is amended by adding sections to read: <--
17 § 7832.2. COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical
18 Services Grant Program.

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of
20 \$31,000,000 is appropriated from money received by the
21 Commonwealth under the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
22 Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) for purposes of
23 making grants under Subchapter C.1 (relating to COVID-19 Crisis
24 Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program). The
25 following shall apply:

26 (1) The sum of \$26,400,000 of the amount appropriated
27 shall be expended for the purpose of making grants to
28 eligible fire companies.

29 (2) The sum of \$4,600,000 of the amount appropriated
30 shall be expended for the purpose of making grants to

1 eligible EMS companies.

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

6 § 7841.1. Expiration of authority relating to COVID-19 Crisis
7 Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant
8 Program.

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

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

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