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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1178 Session of  
2021

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INTRODUCED BY KNOWLES, ECKER, KULIK, SCHLEGEL CULVER, SMITH,  
DUNBAR, ZIMMERMAN, HAMM, STRUZZI, WHEELAND, CIRESI AND  
GILLEN, APRIL 14, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 14, 2021

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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 for volunteer fire companies and for award of  
5 grants for emergency medical services companies.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 7813(b)(1) and (3) and 7823(b)(3) of  
9 Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended  
10 to read:

11 § 7813. Award of grants.

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13 (b) Limits.--

14 (1) [Except as provided in paragraph (3), grants] Grants  
15 shall be not less than \$2,500 and not more than \$15,000 per  
16 fire company.

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18 [(3) In a municipality where there are two or more

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

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10 § 7823. Award of grants.

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12 (b) Limits.--

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14 [(3) If two or more EMS companies consolidated their use  
15 of equipment, personnel and services within 10 years  
16 preceding the date of the current year application submission  
17 deadline, the consolidated entity shall be deemed eligible to  
18 receive a grant not to exceed the amount of the combined  
19 total for which the individual companies would have been  
20 eligible had they not consolidated.]

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