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§8–102. IN EFFECT

- (a) There is a Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund.
- (b) The purposes of the Fund are to promote:
  - (1) the delivery of effective and high quality fire protection, rescue, and ambulance services in the State;
  - (2) increased financial support for fire, rescue, and ambulance companies by counties; and
  - (3) the continued financial viability of volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies given the greatly increased costs of equipment.
- (c)
  - (1) The Director shall administer the Fund.
  - (2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Director may adopt procedures to carry out this subtitle, including additional auditing and reporting requirements.
  - (3) The Director may not impose training or operational requirements as a precondition to receipt of money, except as otherwise expressly provided in this subtitle.
- (d) The Fund consists of:
  - (1) money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund; and
  - (2) revenue distributed to the Fund under § 16–609 of the Business Regulation Article.
- (e)
  - (1) As authorized by the Director, the Treasurer shall make payments out of the Fund to each county on warrant of the Comptroller.
  - (2) The Treasurer shall make the payments required under this subsection to the appropriate county on or about November 15.
- (f)
  - (1) State money provided under this section may only be used to:
    - (i) acquire or rehabilitate fire or rescue equipment, including ambulances;
    - (ii) acquire or rehabilitate capital equipment used in connection with fire or rescue equipment;
    - (iii) rehabilitate facilities used primarily to house fire fighting

equipment, ambulances, and rescue vehicles;

(iv) install life safety and fire protection systems at a fire, a rescue, or an ambulance facility;

(v) acquire land that is adjacent to an existing fire, rescue, or ambulance facility for the purpose of rehabilitating that facility;

(vi) acquire wireless telecommunications devices, computers, and related computer equipment if used exclusively for fire protection, rescue, and ambulance services; and

(vii) acquire machinery and equipment if used exclusively for fire protection, rescue, and ambulance services.

(2) State money provided under this section may not be used:

(i) for administrative costs;

(ii) for compensation or fringe benefits to employees or members of county governments, or fire, rescue, or ambulance companies;

(iii) for travel or meal expenses;

(iv) for fuel, utility, or routine maintenance costs of facilities or equipment;

(v) to acquire new or replacement fire hydrants or water mains;

(vi) for insurance;

(vii) for fund-raising activities;

(viii) to replace or repair eligible items to the extent that insurance proceeds are available;

(ix) for costs associated with the "9-1-1" emergency telephone system; or

(x) for land or interests in land, except as provided in paragraph (1)(v) of this subsection.

8-102. \*\* CONTINGENCY – NOT IN EFFECT – CHAPTER 497 OF 2007 \*\*

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