



FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA: CONFERENCE REPORT- JULY 2020

BILLS PASSED:

Act 106 of 2019 - Online Firefighter Training (SB 146)

Act 17 of 2020 - Department of Health Waivers for BLS Staffing (HB 1869)

Act 22 of 2020 - Junior Firefighter Training Exemption (HB 1522)

Act 26 of 2020 - \$50 million in Crisis Grants of Federal Funds to Fire & EMS (SB 1122)

Act 29 of 2020 - Exempts Liquor Licensee Surcharges for Volunteer Fire Depts. (HB 1048)

HB 2455 - Priority COVID -19 Testing for First Responders; in the hands of the Governor

HB 732 - Exempts Volunteer Service Providers from the PA Realty Transfer Tax; in the hands of the Governor

HB 1459 - First Responder Mental Wellness & Stress Management Program (PTSI); in the hands of the Governor

SB 1166 - Constitutional Amendment re: Emergency Declarations; Filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

SB 94 (Martin) – Workers Compensation Coverage for Fire Police

- Passed by the Senate; in House Labor and Industry

SB 331 (Brooks) – Community College/SD Fire Training Pilot Program

- Passed by the Senate; in House Education

SB 908 (Regan) - Places Fire Relief Administration under Fire Commissioner and Increases VLAP Loan Amounts

- Passed by the Senate; in House VA&EP

SB 910 (Mastriano) - Renews the Fire & EMS Grant

- Passed by the Senate; in House VA&EP

SB 932 (Boscola) - Permits Fire Relief Funding for Combo Departments and Fireworks Restrictions

- Passed by the Senate; sent to the House

987 (Hutchinson) - Restructuring of the Office of Fire Commissioner

- Passed by the Senate; sent to House VA&EP

HB 376 (Owlett) Authorizes up to a \$500 tax Credit for Volunteers who Purchase Firefighting Equipment

- House tabled calendar

HB 432 (Barrar) – Workers Compensation for PTSI

- House calendar

HB 759 (Dush) - Fire Department Billing

- House calendar

HB 1347 (Masser) - Requires Insurance Carriers to Reimburse Ambulance Companies Directly

- House calendar

SENATE:

SB 875 - (Stefano) Exempts firefighters from the Sales and Use Tax when Purchasing Equipment while using their own Personal Funds

- Senate Appropriations

HB 1189 - (Knowles) Authorizes Tax Credits for Employers who allow their Employees who are First Responders to Leave Work for Training and/or Emergency

- Passed by the House; in Senate VA&EP

HB 1448 - (Sturla) Authorizes Voter Referendum to include Career Fire in VLAP

- Passed by the House; in Senate VA&EP

HB 1673 - (Farry) Volunteer Loan Assistance Program

- Passed by the House; in Senate VA&EP

HB 1705 - (Gabler) Authorizes School Districts to Provider a Property Tax Credit up to 100% for a Volunteer Emergency Responder

- Passed by the House; in Senate VA&EP

HB 1758 - (Ortitay) Exempts both Volunteer Fire and EMS Companies from the Payment of the Vehicle Accident Report Fee

- Passed by the House; in Senate Transportation

HB 1773 - (Struzzi) First Responder Tuition Assistance Program

- Passed by the House; in Senate VA&EP

HB 1780 - (James) Exempts Volunteer Fire/EMS from Right-to-Know Law

- Passed by the House; on Senate Calendar

HB 1786 - (Sainato) First Responder College Loan Forgiveness Program

- Passed by the House; in Senate Education

HB 1816 - (Culver) Increase VLAP Amounts

- Passed by the House; in Senate VA&EP

HB 1838 - (Causer) Increase in EMSOF Fines

- Passed by the House; in Senate Appropriations

HB 1834 - (Sainato) Reauthorizes the Fire & EMS Grant Program

- Passed by the House; in Senate VA&EP

HB 1839 - (Brooks) Authorizes Counties to Provide a Property Tax Credit up to 100% for Volunteer Emergency Responders

- Passed by the House; in Senate VA&EP