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Short Title: Rescue/EMS Squad Funds.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPLY THE VOLUNTEER RESCUE FUND MATCHING GRANT
3 PROGRAM TO ELIGIBLE EMS EQUIPMENT OF RESCUE UNITS THAT
4 PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. The title of Article 5 of Chapter 118 of the General Statutes reads
7 as rewritten:

8 **"VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE/EMS SQUAD FUNDS."**

9 Sec. 2. G.S. 118-51 reads as rewritten:

10 **"§ 118-51. Volunteer Rescue/EMS Squad Fund."**

11 (a) There is created in the Department of Insurance the Volunteer Rescue/EMS
12 Squad Fund to provide matching grants to volunteer rescue squads units providing rescue
13 only or rescue and emergency medical services to purchase equipment and make capital
14 improvements. An eligible rescue or rescue/EMS squad unit may apply to the
15 Department of Insurance for a grant under this section. The application form and
16 criteria for grants shall be established by the Department, and the The Office of
17 Emergency Medical Services in the Department of Human Resources shall provide the
18 Department with an advisory priority listing of EMS equipment eligible for funding.
19 The State Treasurer shall invest the Fund's assets according to law, and the earnings
20 shall remain in the Fund. Beginning December 15, 1989, and on each December 15
21 thereafter, the Department shall make grants to eligible rescue or rescue/EMS squads
22 units subject to the following limitations:

23 (1) The size of a grant may not exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15.00);

- 1 (2) The applicant shall match the grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis with
2 non-State funds;
- 3 (3) The grant may be used only for equipment purchases or capital
4 expenditures; and
- 5 (4) An applicant may receive no more than one grant per fiscal year.

6 In awarding grants under this section, the Department shall to the extent possible select
7 applicants from all parts of the State based upon need. Up to two percent (2%) of the
8 Fund may be used for additional staff and resources to administer the Fund in each
9 fiscal year.

10 (b) A rescue ~~or rescue/EMS squad-unit~~ is eligible for a grant under this section if:

- 11 (1) It serves a response area of 10,000 or fewer residents or a response
12 area that consists of an entire county;
- 13 (2) It is all volunteer, except that the rescue ~~or rescue/EMS squad-unit~~ may
14 have paid members, not to exceed two positions, either full-time or
15 part-time; and
- 16 (3) It has been recognized by the Department as ~~a rescue squad~~ an
17 organization that provides rescue only or rescue and emergency
18 medical services; and
- 19 (4) It satisfies the eligibility criteria established by the Department under
20 subsection (a) of this section."

21 Sec. 3. G.S. 20-183.7(c) reads as rewritten:

22 "(c) Fees collected for inspection certificates shall be paid to the Division of
23 Motor Vehicles in accordance with its regulations and shall be paid to the Division of
24 Motor Vehicles in accordance with its regulations and shall be periodically transferred
25 as follows;

- 26 (1) After making the transfer provided in subdivision (3) of this
27 subsection, seventy-five cents (75¢) of the fee for the valid inspection
28 sticker collected pursuant to subsection (a) shall be transferred to the
29 Highway Fund, and the remaining moneys shall be transferred to the
30 Department of Insurance for the Volunteer ~~Rescue~~ Rescue/EMS Squad
31 Fund created in G.S. ~~118-50~~ 118-51.
- 32 (2) After making the transfer provided in subdivision (3) of this
33 subsection, the fee collected pursuant to subsection (a1) shall be
34 transferred as follows: the first thirty-five cents (35¢) to the Division
35 of Environmental Management; the next twenty cents (20¢) to the
36 Department of Insurance for the Volunteer ~~Rescue~~ Rescue/EMS Squad
37 Fund created in G.S. ~~118-50~~ 118-51; and any excess up to one dollar
38 and eighty-five cents (\$1.85) to the Highway Fund.
- 39 (3) Five cents (5¢) of the fee for the valid inspection sticker collected
40 pursuant to subsections (a) and (a1) shall be transferred each quarter of
41 the year to the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance, for the
42 purpose of funding the Rescue Squad Workers' Relief Fund under
43 Article 5 of General Statute Chapter 118."

44 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.