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Short Title: Rescue Funds Changes/Rescue Grants.

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Sponsors:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS UNDER THE VOLUNTEER RESCUE/EMS FUND, TO MAKE ONE-TIME GRANTS FROM THIS FUND TO ALL VOLUNTEER RESCUE/EMS UNITS, TO ADJUST THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE IN THIS FUND AND IN THE RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' RELIEF FUND, AND TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF THE RELIEF FUND THAT CAN BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-183.7(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Fees collected for inspection certificates are payable to the Division of Motor Vehicles. The amount of each fee listed in the table below shall be credited to the Highway Fund, the Volunteer Rescue/EMS Fund established in G.S. 58-87-5, the Rescue Squad Workers' Relief Fund established in G.S. 58-88-5, and the Division of Environmental Management of the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources:

<del>Fund or Agency</del>	<del>Fee Imposed</del>	<del>Fee Imposed</del>
<del>Under (a) — Under (a1)</del>		
Fund or Agency	Fee Imposed	Fee Imposed
	Under (a)	Under (a1)
Highway Fund	.75	1.80
Volunteer Rescue/EMS Fund	<del>18.15</del>	<del>18.15</del>
Rescue Squad Workers' Relief		

1 Fund ~~.07.10~~ .07.10  
 2 Division of Environmental  
 3 Management .00 .35."

4 Sec. 2. G.S. 58-87-5(a) reads as rewritten:

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

- 17 (1) ~~The size of a~~ A grant to an applicant who is required to match the grant  
 18 with non-State funds may not exceed fifteen thousand dollars  
 19 (\$15,000); ~~(\$15,000), and a grant to an applicant who is not required to~~  
 20 match the grant with non-State funds may not exceed three thousand  
 21 dollars (\$3,000).  
 22 (2) ~~The~~ An applicant whose liquid assets, when combined with the liquid  
 23 assets of any corporate affiliate or subsidiary of the applicant, are more  
 24 than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall match the grant on a dollar-  
 25 for-dollar basis with non-State funds; ~~funds.~~  
 26 (3) The grant may be used only for equipment purchases or capital  
 27 ~~expenditures;~~ and expenditures.  
 28 (4) An applicant may receive no more than one grant per fiscal year.

29 In awarding grants under this section, the Department shall to the extent possible select  
 30 applicants from all parts of the State based upon need. Up to two percent (2%) of the  
 31 Fund may be used for additional staff and resources to administer the Fund in each  
 32 fiscal year. In addition, notwithstanding G.S. 58-78-20, up to four percent (4%) of the  
 33 Fund may be used for additional staff and resources for the North Carolina Fire and  
 34 Rescue Commission."

35 Sec. 3. G.S. 58-88-30 reads as rewritten:

36 "**§ 58-88-30. Administration costs.**

37 The Association shall withhold ~~eight percent (8%)~~ ten percent (10%) from the money  
 38 received pursuant to G.S. 20-183.7(c) for the administration of the Fund. The  
 39 Commissioner of Insurance shall withhold two percent (2%) from the money received  
 40 pursuant to G.S. 20-183.7(c) for the administration of the Fund."

41 Sec. 4. There is appropriated from the Volunteer Rescue/EMS Fund to the  
 42 Rescue Squad Workers' Relief Fund the sum of five hundred thousand dollars  
 43 (\$500,000) for the 1992-93 fiscal year to be used for the purposes specified in G.S. 58-  
 44 88-5(c).

1           Sec. 5. In the 1992-93 fiscal year, the Department of Insurance shall make a  
2 grant from the Volunteer Rescue/EMS Fund of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to each  
3 volunteer rescue unit that is eligible to apply for a grant from the Fund under G.S. 58-  
4 87-5. A grant under this section is in addition to any grant from the Fund received  
5 pursuant to an application submitted under G.S. 58-87-5. A volunteer rescue unit is not  
6 required to match a grant received under this section. A grant received under this  
7 section is subject to the same restrictions on use as a grant made under G.S. 58-87-5.

8           Sec. 6. Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 1993. The remaining  
9 sections of this act are effective upon ratification. Section 1 applies to fees collected on  
10 or after the effective date.