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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPLY THE VOLUNTEER RESCUE FUND MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM TO ELIGIBLE EMS EQUIPMENT OF RESCUE UNITS THAT PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE/EMS SQUAD-FUNDS."

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

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

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

- 1 (1) The size of a grant may not exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000);
- 2 (2) The applicant shall match the grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis with
- 3 non-State funds;
- 4 (3) The grant may be used only for equipment purchases or capital
- 5 expenditures; and
- 6 (4) An applicant may receive no more than one grant per fiscal year.

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

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

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

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

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

- 27 (1) After making the transfer provided in subdivision (3) of this
- 28 subsection, seventy-five cents (75¢) of the fee for the valid inspection
- 29 sticker collected pursuant to subsection (a) shall be transferred to the
- 30 Highway Fund, and the remaining moneys shall be transferred to the
- 31 Department of Insurance for the Volunteer ~~Rescue-Rescue/EMS Squad~~
- 32 Fund created in G.S. ~~418-50-118-51.~~
- 33 (2) After making the transfer provided in subdivision (3) of this
- 34 subsection, the fee collected pursuant to subsection (a1) shall be
- 35 transferred as follows: the first thirty-five cents (35¢) to the Division
- 36 of Environmental Management; the next twenty cents (20¢) to the
- 37 Department of Insurance for the Volunteer ~~Rescue-Rescue/EMS Squad~~
- 38 Fund created in G.S. ~~418-50-118-51;~~ and any excess up to one dollar
- 39 and eighty-five cents (\$1.85) to the Highway Fund.
- 40 (3) Five cents (5¢) of the fee for the valid inspection sticker collected
- 41 pursuant to subsections (a) and (a1) shall be transferred each quarter of
- 42 the year to the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance, for the
- 43 purpose of funding the Rescue Squad Workers' Relief Fund under
- 44 Article 5 of General Statute Chapter 118."

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