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Introduced by Sen. SEWARD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to the New York State emergency services revolving loan account

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 97-pp of the state finance law, as amended by section 30 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services, on recommendation of the state fire administrator, may make, upon application duly made, up to the amounts available by appropriation, loans for:

(i) Purchasing fire fighting apparatus. A loan for purchasing fire fighting apparatus shall not exceed the lesser of [two hundred twenty-five thousand] THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND dollars or seventy-five percent of the cost of the fire fighting apparatus; provided, however, that loans issued in response to a joint application shall not exceed the lesser of [four hundred] FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY thousand dollars or seventy-five percent of the cost of the fire fighting apparatus.

(ii) Purchasing ambulances or rescue vehicles. A loan for purchasing an ambulance or a rescue vehicle shall not exceed the lesser of [one hundred fifty] TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE thousand dollars or seventy-five percent of the cost of the ambulance or rescue vehicle; provided, however, that loans issued in response to a joint application shall not exceed the lesser of [two hundred sixty-five] THREE HUNDRED FIFTY thousand dollars or seventy-five percent of the cost of the ambulance or rescue vehicle.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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(iii) Purchasing protective equipment or communication equipment. A loan for purchasing protective equipment or communication equipment or both shall not exceed [one hundred] TWO HUNDRED thousand dollars. Communication equipment purchased with such loan shall, to the maximum extent practicable, be compatible with the communication equipment of adjacent services and jurisdictions; provided, however, that loans issued in response to a joint application shall not exceed [one hundred sixty-five] TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE thousand dollars.

(iv) Repairing or rehabilitating fire fighting apparatus, ambulances, or rescue vehicles. A loan for repairing or rehabilitating fire fighting apparatus, ambulances, or rescue vehicles shall not exceed the lesser of [seventy-five] TWO HUNDRED thousand dollars or one hundred percent of the cost of the repair or rehabilitation; provided, however, that loans issued in response to a joint application shall not exceed the lesser of [one hundred thirty-five] FOUR HUNDRED thousand dollars or one hundred percent of the cost of the repair or rehabilitation.

(v) Purchasing accessory equipment. A loan for purchasing accessory equipment shall not exceed [seventy-five] ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE thousand dollars; provided, however, that loans issued in response to a joint application shall not exceed [one hundred thirty-five] ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE thousand dollars.

(vi) Renovating, rehabilitating or repairing facilities that house firefighting equipment, ambulances, rescue vehicles and related equipment. A loan for this purpose shall not exceed the lesser of [one hundred fifty] TWO HUNDRED FIFTY thousand dollars or seventy-five percent of the cost of the project; provided, however, that loans issued in response to a joint application shall not exceed the lesser of [two hundred sixty-five] FIVE HUNDRED thousand dollars or seventy-five percent of the cost of the project.

(vii) Construction costs associated with the establishment of facilities that house firefighting equipment, ambulances, rescue vehicles and related equipment. A loan for this purpose shall not exceed the lesser of [three hundred] FIVE HUNDRED thousand dollars or seventy-five percent of the cost of the construction, or be used for the payment of fees for design, planning, preparation of applications or other costs not directly attributable to land acquisitions or construction; provided, however, that loans issued in response to a joint application shall not exceed the lesser of [five hundred twenty-five] SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY thousand dollars or seventy-five percent of the cost of the construction, or be used for the payment of fees for design, planning, preparation of applications or other costs not directly attributable to land acquisitions or construction.

(viii) Construction costs associated with the establishment of facilities for the purpose of live fire training. A loan for this purpose shall not be granted if another live fire training facility is located within the boundaries of the county or within twenty-five miles. A loan for this purpose shall not exceed the lesser of [one hundred fifty] TWO HUNDRED FIFTY thousand dollars or seventy-five percent of the cost of construction, provided, however, joint applications shall not exceed the lesser of [two hundred sixty-five] FOUR HUNDRED thousand dollars or seventy-five percent of the cost of construction or be used for the payment of fees for design, planning, preparation of applications or other costs not directly attributable to land acquisitions or construction.

S 2. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 5 of section 97-pp of the state finance law, as amended by section 30 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) In making determinations on loan applications, the commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services shall assure that loan fund moneys are equitably distributed among all sectors of the emergency services community and all geographical areas of the state. Loans for the purpose of personal protective firefighting equipment shall be given preference for a period of two years from the date the first loan is made. [Not less than fifty percent of the loans annually made shall be made to applicants whose fire protection or ambulance service is provided by a fire department or ambulance service whose membership is comprised exclusively of volunteers and whose budget for the fiscal year immediately preceding did not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.]

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.