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- Introduced by M. of A. MAGEE, BRINDISI, SKOUFIS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, 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:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 97-pp of the 2 state finance law, as amended by section 30 of part B of chapter 56 of 3 the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) The commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergen-5 cy services, on recommendation of the state fire administrator, may 6 make, upon application duly made, up to the amounts available by appro-7 priation, loans for:

8 (i) Purchasing fire fighting apparatus. A loan for purchasing fire 9 fighting apparatus shall not exceed the lesser of [two hundred twenty-10 five thousand] THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND dollars or seventy-11 five percent of the cost of the fire fighting apparatus; provided, 12 however, that loans issued in response to a joint application shall not 13 exceed the lesser of [four hundred] FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY thousand dollars 14 or seventy-five percent of the cost of the fire fighting apparatus.

15 (ii) Purchasing ambulances or rescue vehicles. A loan for purchasing 16 an ambulance or a rescue vehicle shall not exceed the lesser of [one hundred fifty] TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE thousand dollars or seventy-five 17 percent of the cost of the ambulance or rescue vehicle; provided, howev-18 that loans issued in response to a joint application shall not 19 er, 20 exceed the lesser of [two hundred sixty-five] THREE HUNDRED FIFTY thou-21 sand dollars or seventy-five percent of the cost of the ambulance or 22 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 1 2 both shall not exceed [one hundred] TWO HUNDRED thousand dollars. Commu-3 4 nication equipment purchased with such loan shall, to the maximum extent 5 practicable, be compatible with the communication equipment of adjacent 6 services and jurisdictions; provided, however, that loans issued in 7 joint application shall not exceed [one hundred sixtyresponse to a 8 five] TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE thousand dollars.

9 (iv) Repairing or rehabilitating fire fighting apparatus, ambulances, 10 or rescue vehicles. A loan for repairing or rehabilitating fire fighting apparatus, ambulances, or rescue vehicles shall not exceed the lesser of 11 12 [seventy-five] TWO HUNDRED thousand dollars or one hundred percent of 13 the cost of the repair or rehabilitation; provided, however, that loans 14 issued in response to a joint application shall not exceed the lesser of 15 [one hundred thirty-five] FOUR HUNDRED thousand dollars or one hundred percent of the cost of the repair or rehabilitation. 16

17 (v) Purchasing accessory equipment. A loan for purchasing accessory 18 equipment shall not exceed [seventy-five] ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE thou-19 sand dollars; provided, however, that loans issued in response to a 20 joint application shall not exceed [one hundred thirty-five] ONE HUNDRED 21 SEVENTY-FIVE thousand dollars.

22 (vi) Renovating, rehabilitating or repairing facilities that house firefighting equipment, ambulances, rescue vehicles and related equip-23 A loan for this purpose shall not exceed the lesser of [one 24 ment. 25 hundred fifty] TWO HUNDRED FIFTY thousand dollars or seventy-five 26 percent of the cost of the project; provided, however, that loans issued 27 in response to a joint application shall not exceed the lesser of [two 28 hundred sixty-five] FIVE HUNDRED thousand dollars or seventy-five 29 percent of the cost of the project.

(vii) Construction costs associated with the establishment of facili-30 ties that house firefighting equipment, ambulances, rescue vehicles and 31 32 related equipment. A loan for this purpose shall not exceed the lesser 33 of [three hundred] FIVE HUNDRED thousand dollars or seventy-five percent 34 of the cost of the construction, or be used for the payment of fees for design, planning, preparation of applications or other costs not direct-35 ly attributable to land acquisitions or construction; provided, however, 36 37 that loans issued in response to a joint application shall not exceed 38 the lesser of [five hundred twenty-five] SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY thousand dollars or seventy-five percent of the cost of the construction, or be 39 used for the payment of fees for design, planning, preparation of appli-40 cations or other costs not directly attributable to land acquisitions or 41 42 construction.

43 (viii) Construction costs associated with the establishment of facili-44 ties for the purpose of live fire training. A loan for this purpose 45 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 46 47 for this purpose shall not exceed the lesser of [one hundred fifty] TWO 48 HUNDRED FIFTY thousand dollars or seventy-five percent of the cost of construction, provided, however, joint applications shall not exceed the 49 50 lesser of [two hundred sixty-five] FOUR HUNDRED thousand dollars or 51 seventy-five percent of the cost of construction or be used for the 52 payment of fees for design, planning, preparation of applications or directly attributable to land acquisitions 53 other costs not or 54 construction.

4 (ii) In making determinations on loan applications, the commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services shall assure 5 that loan fund moneys are equitably distributed among all sectors of the 6 emergency services community and all geographical areas of the state. 7 8 Loans for the purpose of personal protective firefighting equipment shall be given preference for a period of two years from the date the 9 10 first loan is made. Not less than fifty percent of the loans annually made shall be made to applicants whose fire protection or ambulance 11 service is provided by a fire department or ambulance service whose 12 membership is comprised exclusively of volunteers [and whose budget for 13 the fiscal year immediately preceding did not exceed one hundred thou-14 15 sand dollars].

16 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.