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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
17 hundred fifty] TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE thousand dollars or seventy-five
18 percent of the cost of the ambulance or rescue vehicle; provided, howev-
19 er, that loans issued in response to a joint application shall not
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.

23 (iii) Purchasing protective equipment or communication equipment. A
24 loan for purchasing protective equipment or communication equipment or
25 both shall not exceed [one hundred] TWO HUNDRED thousand dollars. Commu-

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

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1 nication equipment purchased with such loan shall, to the maximum extent
2 practicable, be compatible with the communication equipment of adjacent
3 services and jurisdictions; provided, however, that loans issued in
4 response to a joint application shall not exceed [one hundred sixty-
5 five] TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE thousand dollars.

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

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

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

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

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

52 S 2. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 5 of section
53 97-pp of the state finance law, as amended by section 30 of part B of
54 chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

55 (ii) In making determinations on loan applications, the commissioner
56 of the division of homeland security and emergency services shall assure

1 that loan fund moneys are equitably distributed among all sectors of the
2 emergency services community and all geographical areas of the state.
3 Loans for the purpose of personal protective firefighting equipment
4 shall be given preference for a period of two years from the date the
5 first loan is made. Not less than fifty percent of the loans annually
6 made shall be made to applicants whose fire protection or ambulance
7 service is provided by a fire department or ambulance service whose
8 membership is comprised exclusively of volunteers and whose budget for
9 the fiscal year immediately preceding did not exceed [one hundred] TWO
10 HUNDRED thousand dollars.
11 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.