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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Domestic Violence  
3 Home Security Grant Program; and imposing duties on the  
4 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 44 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 75

10 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOME SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

11 Subchapter

12 A. Preliminary Provisions

13 B. Program

14 SUBCHAPTER A

15 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

16 Sec.

17 7501. Scope of chapter.

18 7502. Definitions.

19 § 7501. Scope of chapter.

1 This chapter relates to domestic violence home security  
2 grants.

3 § 7502. Definitions.

4 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
5 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
6 context clearly indicates otherwise:

7 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and  
8 Delinquency.

9 "Domestic violence." Conduct constituting abuse as defined  
10 in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6102 (relating to definitions).

11 "Eligible applicant." A victim of domestic violence.

12 "Program." The Domestic Violence Home Security Grant Program  
13 established under section 7511 (relating to establishment of  
14 program).

15 "Residential security measure." A product, service,  
16 technology or structural improvement intended to enhance the  
17 physical safety and security of a residence, including:

18 (1) A reinforced door or lock.

19 (2) A window lock or shatter-resistant glass.

20 (3) A security camera or surveillance system.

21 (4) An alarm system or monitoring service.

22 (5) Motion-detection lighting.

23 (6) A personal alarm device.

24 SUBCHAPTER B

25 PROGRAM

26 Sec.

27 7511. Establishment of program.

28 7512. Administration of program.

29 7513. Applications.

30 7514. Permissible uses of grant.

1 7515. Award or denial of grant.

2 7516. Confidentiality.

3 § 7511. Establishment of program.

4 The Domestic Violence Home Security Grant Program is  
5 established in the commission.

6 § 7512. Administration of program.

7 The program shall make grants to eligible applicants to  
8 improve the safety and security of their residences.

9 § 7513. Applications.

10 (a) Development and posting of form.--The commission shall  
11 develop a form for an individual to use to apply for a grant  
12 under the program. The form:

13 (1) Must contain:

14 (i) The name, address and contact information for  
15 the applicant.

16 (ii) The requested amount of the grant.

17 (iii) The proposed use or uses of the grant.

18 (2) Shall be posted by the commission on its publicly  
19 accessible Internet website.

20 (b) Submittal of completed form.--The commission shall  
21 prescribe the manner in which a completed form must be submitted  
22 to the commission for the applicant to receive a grant under the  
23 program.

24 (c) Acceptance of completed form.--The commission shall  
25 accept applications under this section on a rolling or annual  
26 basis, as determined by the commission.

27 (d) Documentation.--

28 (1) As part of the application under this section, the  
29 commission shall require reasonable documentation  
30 demonstrating that the applicant is a victim of domestic

1 violence.

2 (2) Acceptable documentation under paragraph (1)  
3 includes:

4 (i) A protection from abuse order issued in  
5 accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to protection  
6 from abuse).

7 (ii) A police report or criminal complaint.

8 (iii) Certification from a domestic violence service  
9 provider.

10 (iv) Any other documentation deemed sufficient by  
11 the commission.

12 (e) Prioritization.--The commission may prioritize  
13 applications based on risk factors, including:

14 (1) Recent separation from an abuser or an abusers  
15 release from incarceration.

16 (2) The severity of prior threats or acts of violence.

17 (3) Violations of a protection order.

18 (4) The presence of children in the household.

19 (5) Any other factor indicating elevated risk of harm.

20 § 7514. Permissible uses of grant.

21 A grant under the program may be used to:

22 (1) Reduce the risk of repeat victimization by enabling  
23 the victim of domestic violence to purchase and implement  
24 effective residential security measures to deter further  
25 abuse, harassment or intrusion.

26 (2) Enhance the safety of the victim of domestic  
27 violence during periods of heightened risk, including  
28 immediately following separation from an abuser or an  
29 abuser's release from incarceration.

30 (3) Assist with other efforts to protect the victim of

1 domestic violence from future abuse, harassment or intrusion.

2 § 7515. Award or denial of grant.

3 (a) Review and determination.--The commission shall review  
4 each completed application under this subchapter to determine  
5 whether the applicant is a victim of domestic violence. For each  
6 eligible applicant, the commission shall determine the amount  
7 of the grant and any condition on the use or uses of the grant.

8 (b) Notice.--The commission shall provide the applicant with  
9 notice of the determination under subsection (a). If the  
10 commission denies, in full or in part, the request for a grant  
11 under this subchapter, the commission shall provide the  
12 applicant with reasons for the denial.

13 § 7516. Confidentiality.

14 Personally identifiable information of applicants under this  
15 subchapter shall be confidential and shall not be subject to  
16 public disclosure.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.