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# Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee

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## Summary of Senate Bill 1423, P.N. 2142

Prime Sponsor: Mensch

### A. Synopsis

Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) to extend the Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP) to include "heavy rescue trucks" as a type of vehicle that a volunteer fire company, volunteer ambulance service or volunteer rescue squad may apply for.

### B. Bill Summary

Senate Bill 1423 amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) to include "heavy rescue trucks" as a type of vehicle that a volunteer fire company, volunteer ambulance service or volunteer rescue squad may apply for.

It repeals Section 11 of the Farm Safety and Occupational Health Act. This section is currently where heavy rescue truck loans are referenced.

### C. Current Law

Currently, Act 134 of 1994 exists whereby Section 11 of the act authorizes the PA Emergency Management Agency to issue loans under this program for heavy rescue trucks in the amount of \$150,000.

By amending Act 129 of 2013 to include heavy rescue trucks it increases the loan amount from \$150,000 to \$300,000 as it was originally intended.