

**SB2809**



**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

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Introduced 2/17/2016, by Sen. Chapin Rose

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

20 ILCS 3501/825-80

Amends the Illinois Finance Authority Act. Provides that, in addition to the other uses specified in the Act, the Illinois Finance Authority and the State Fire Marshal may use moneys in the Fire Truck Revolving Loan Fund to make grants and provide zero-interest and low-interest loans to fire departments and law enforcement agencies for emergency dive team personnel and water rescue equipment.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Finance Authority Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 825-80 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3501/825-80)

7 Sec. 825-80. Fire truck revolving loan program.

8 (a) This Section is a continuation and re-enactment of the  
9 fire truck revolving loan program enacted as Section 3-27 of  
10 the Rural Bond Bank Act by Public Act 93-35, effective June 24,  
11 2003, and repealed by Public Act 93-205, effective January 1,  
12 2004. Under the Rural Bond Bank Act, the program was  
13 administered by the Rural Bond Bank and the State Fire Marshal.

14 (a-5) For purposes of this Section, "brush truck" means a  
15 pickup chassis with or equipped with a flatbed or a pickup box.  
16 The truck must be rated by the manufacturer as between  
17 three-fourths of a ton and one ton and outfitted with a fire or  
18 rescue apparatus.

19 (b) The Authority and the State Fire Marshal may jointly  
20 administer a fire truck revolving loan program. The program  
21 shall, in instances where sufficient loan funds exist to permit  
22 applications to be accepted, provide zero-interest and  
23 low-interest loans for the purchase of fire trucks by a fire

1 department, a fire protection district, or a township fire  
2 department. For the purchase of brush trucks by a fire  
3 department, a fire protection district, or a township fire  
4 department, the program shall provide loans at a 2% rate of  
5 simple interest per year for a brush truck if both the chassis  
6 and the apparatus are built outside of Illinois, a 1% rate of  
7 simple interest per year for a brush truck if either the  
8 chassis or the apparatus is built in Illinois, or a 0% rate of  
9 interest for a brush truck if both the chassis and the  
10 apparatus are built in Illinois. The Authority shall make loans  
11 based on need, as determined by the State Fire Marshal.

12 (b-5) In addition to the uses specified in subsection (b),  
13 the Authority and the State Fire Marshal may use moneys in the  
14 Fire Truck Revolving Loan Fund to make grants and provide  
15 zero-interest and low-interest loans to fire departments and  
16 law enforcement agencies for emergency dive team personnel and  
17 water rescue equipment.

18 (c) The loan funds, subject to appropriation, shall be paid  
19 out of the Fire Truck Revolving Loan Fund, a special fund in  
20 the State Treasury. The Fund shall consist of any moneys  
21 transferred or appropriated into the Fund, as well as all  
22 repayments of loans made under the program and any balance  
23 existing in the Fund on the effective date of this Section. The  
24 Fund shall be used for loans to fire departments and fire  
25 protection districts to purchase fire trucks and brush trucks  
26 and for no other purpose. All interest earned on moneys in the

1 Fund shall be deposited into the Fund. As soon as practical  
2 after January 1, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act  
3 97-901), all moneys in the Fire Truck Revolving Loan Fund shall  
4 be paid by the State Fire Marshal to the Authority, and, on and  
5 after that date, all future moneys deposited into the Fire  
6 Truck Revolving Loan Fund under this Section shall be paid by  
7 the State Fire Marshal to the Authority under the continuing  
8 appropriation provision of subsection (c-1) of this Section;  
9 provided that the Authority and the State Fire Marshal enter  
10 into an intergovernmental agreement to use the moneys  
11 transferred to the Authority from the Fund solely for the  
12 purposes for which the moneys would otherwise be used under  
13 this Section and to set forth procedures to otherwise  
14 administer the use of the moneys.

15 (c-1) There is hereby appropriated, on a continuing annual  
16 basis in each fiscal year, from the Fire Truck Revolving Loan  
17 Fund, the amount, if any, of funds received into the Fire Truck  
18 Revolving Loan Fund to the State Fire Marshal for payment to  
19 the Authority for the purposes for which the moneys would  
20 otherwise be used under this Section.

21 (d) A loan for the purchase of fire trucks or brush trucks  
22 may not exceed \$350,000 to any fire department or fire  
23 protection district. A loan for the purchase of brush trucks  
24 may not exceed \$100,000 per truck. The repayment period for the  
25 loan may not exceed 20 years. The fire department or fire  
26 protection district shall repay each year at least 5% of the

1 principal amount borrowed or the remaining balance of the loan,  
2 whichever is less. All repayments of loans shall be deposited  
3 into the Fire Truck Revolving Loan Fund.

4 (e) The Authority and the State Fire Marshal may adopt  
5 rules in accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedure  
6 Act to administer the program.

7 (f) Notwithstanding the repeal of Section 3-27 of the Rural  
8 Bond Bank Act, all otherwise lawful actions taken on or after  
9 January 1, 2004 and before the effective date of this Section  
10 by any person under the authority originally granted by that  
11 Section 3-27, including without limitation the granting,  
12 acceptance, and repayment of loans for the purchase of fire  
13 trucks, are hereby validated, and the rights and obligations of  
14 all parties to any such loan are hereby acknowledged and  
15 confirmed.

16 (Source: P.A. 97-900, eff. 8-6-12; 97-901, eff. 1-1-13; 98-463,  
17 eff. 8-16-13; 98-662, eff. 6-23-14.)