

1 AN ACT concerning the Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program.

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 adding Section 825-80 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3501/825-80 new)

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11 2003, and repealed by Public Act 93-205, effective January 1,  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 (b) The Authority and the State Fire Marshal shall jointly  
15 administer a fire truck revolving loan program. The program  
16 shall provide zero-interest loans for the purchase of fire  
17 trucks by a fire department, a fire protection district, or a  
18 township fire department. The Authority shall make loans based  
19 on need, as determined by the State Fire Marshal.

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

30 (d) A loan for the purchase of fire trucks may not exceed  
31 \$250,000 to any fire department or fire protection district.  
32 The repayment period for the loan may not exceed 20 years. The

1 fire department or fire protection district shall repay each  
2 year at least 5% of the principal amount borrowed or the  
3 remaining balance of the loan, whichever is less. All  
4 repayments of loans shall be deposited into the Fire Truck  
5 Revolving Loan Fund.

6 (e) The Authority and the State Fire Marshal shall adopt  
7 rules to administer the program.

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

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
18 becoming law.