

SB2161



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/7/2025, by Sen. Patrick J. Joyce

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 405/405-550 new
20 ILCS 3501/825-80

Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law. Requires the Department of Central Management Services to develop a fire engine bid specification, in consultation with the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Fire Advisory Commission, to provide necessary bidding information. Amends the Illinois Finance Authority Act. In provisions concerning the fire truck revolving loan program, provides that a loan for the purchase of fire trucks or brush trucks may not exceed \$500,000 (instead of \$350,000) to any fire department or fire protection district.

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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 Department of Central Management Services
5 Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by
6 adding Section 405-550 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 405/405-550 new)

8 Sec. 405-550. Fire engine bid specification. The
9 Department shall develop a fire engine bid specification, in
10 consultation with the Office of the Illinois State Fire
11 Marshal and the Fire Advisory Commission, to provide necessary
12 bidding information.

13 Section 10. The Illinois Finance Authority Act is amended
14 by changing Section 825-80 as follows:

15 (20 ILCS 3501/825-80)

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

17 (a) This Section is a continuation and re-enactment of the
18 fire truck revolving loan program enacted as Section 3-27 of
19 the Rural Bond Bank Act by Public Act 93-35, effective June 24,
20 2003, and repealed by Public Act 93-205, effective January 1,
21 2004. Under the Rural Bond Bank Act, the program was

1 administered by the Rural Bond Bank and the State Fire
2 Marshal.

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

8 (b) The Authority and the State Fire Marshal may jointly
9 administer a fire truck revolving loan program. The program
10 shall, in instances where sufficient loan funds exist to
11 permit applications to be accepted, provide zero-interest and
12 low-interest loans for the purchase of fire trucks by a fire
13 department, a fire protection district, or a township fire
14 department. For the purchase of brush trucks by a fire
15 department, a fire protection district, or a township fire
16 department, the program shall provide loans at a 2% rate of
17 simple interest per year for a brush truck if both the chassis
18 and the apparatus are built outside of Illinois, a 1% rate of
19 simple interest per year for a brush truck if either the
20 chassis or the apparatus is built in Illinois, or a 0% rate of
21 interest for a brush truck if both the chassis and the
22 apparatus are built in Illinois. The Authority shall make
23 loans based on need, as determined by the State Fire Marshal.

24 (c) The loan funds, subject to appropriation, shall be
25 paid out of the Fire Truck Revolving Loan Fund, a special fund
26 in the State Treasury. The Fund shall consist of any moneys

1 transferred or appropriated into the Fund, as well as all
2 repayments of loans made under the program and any balance
3 existing in the Fund on the effective date of this Section. The
4 Fund shall be used for loans to fire departments and fire
5 protection districts to purchase fire trucks and brush trucks
6 and for no other purpose. All interest earned on moneys in the
7 Fund shall be deposited into the Fund. As soon as practical
8 after January 1, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act
9 97-901), all moneys in the Fire Truck Revolving Loan Fund
10 shall be paid by the State Fire Marshal to the Authority, and,
11 on and after that date, all future moneys deposited into the
12 Fire Truck Revolving Loan Fund under this Section shall be
13 paid by the State Fire Marshal to the Authority under the
14 continuing appropriation provision of subsection (c-1) of this
15 Section; provided that the Authority and the State Fire
16 Marshal enter into an intergovernmental agreement to use the
17 moneys transferred to the Authority from the Fund solely for
18 the purposes for which the moneys would otherwise be used
19 under this Section and to set forth procedures to otherwise
20 administer the use of the moneys.

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

1 (d) A loan for the purchase of fire trucks or brush trucks
2 may not exceed \$500,000 ~~\$350,000~~ to any fire department or
3 fire protection district. A loan for the purchase of brush
4 trucks may not exceed \$100,000 per truck. The repayment period
5 for the loan may not exceed 20 years. The fire department or
6 fire protection district shall repay each year at least 5% of
7 the principal amount borrowed or the remaining balance of the
8 loan, whichever is less. All repayments of loans shall be
9 deposited into the Fire Truck Revolving Loan Fund.

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

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

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