

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 adding Section 825-81 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3501/825-81 new)

7 Sec. 825-81. Fire station revolving loan program.

8 (a) The Authority and the State Fire Marshal may jointly  
9 administer a fire station revolving loan program. The program  
10 may provide zero-interest loans for the construction,  
11 rehabilitation, remodeling, or expansion of a fire station or  
12 the acquisition of land for the construction or expansion of a  
13 fire station by a fire department, a fire protection district,  
14 or a township fire department. Once the program receives  
15 funding, the Authority shall make loans based on need, as  
16 determined by the State Fire Marshal.

17 (b) The loan funds, subject to appropriation, may be paid  
18 out of the Fire Station Revolving Loan Fund, a special fund in  
19 the State treasury. The Fund may consist of any moneys  
20 transferred or appropriated into the Fund, as well as all  
21 repayments of loans made under the program. Once the program  
22 receives funding, the Fund may be used for loans to fire  
23 departments and fire protection districts to construct,

1 rehabilitate, remodel, or expand fire stations or acquire land  
2 for the construction or expansion of fire stations and for no  
3 other purpose. All interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall  
4 be deposited into the Fund.

5 (c) A loan under the program may not exceed \$2,000,000 to  
6 any fire department or fire protection district. The repayment  
7 period for the loan may not exceed 20 years. The fire  
8 department or fire protection district shall repay each year at  
9 least 5% of the principal amount borrowed or the remaining  
10 balance of the loan, whichever is less. All repayments of loans  
11 shall be deposited into the Fire Station Revolving Loan Fund.

12 (d) Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that  
13 may exist, neither the Governor nor any agency or agency head  
14 under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to  
15 make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions  
16 of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If,  
17 however, the Governor believes that rules are necessary to  
18 implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of  
19 the 95th General Assembly, the Governor may suggest rules to  
20 the General Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House  
21 and the Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the  
22 General Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those  
23 suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action  
24 in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this  
25 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be  
26 interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other

1 Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise  
2 explicitly given. For the purposes of this subsection, "rules"  
3 is given the meaning contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois  
4 Administrative Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head"  
5 are given the meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of  
6 the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that  
7 such definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the  
8 jurisdiction of the Governor.

9 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
10 Section 5.708 as follows:

11 (30 ILCS 105/5.708 new)

12 Sec. 5.708. The Fire Station Revolving Loan Fund.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
14 2008.