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FIRE STATION Act

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Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1814	Identical bill	Mar 28, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

## **Facilitating Investments Required for Emergency Services To All Towns In Our Nation Act or the FIRE STATION Act**

This bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish a grant program to modify, upgrade, and construct fire and emergency medical services (EMS) department facilities.

Grant recipients may use funds to

- build, rebuild, or renovate fire and EMS department facilities;
- upgrade existing facilities to install exhaust emission control systems, install backup power systems, upgrade or replace environmental control systems (such as HVAC systems), remove or remediate mold, and construct or modify living quarters for use by male and female personnel; and
- upgrade fire and EMS stations or build new stations.

Grant recipients must meet one of the two most recently published editions of relevant codes and standards, especially codes and standards that (1) require up-to-date hazard resistant and safety provisions, and (2) are relevant for protecting firefighter health and safety.

The bill sets forth provisions regarding (1) grant fund allocations between career and volunteer fire and EMS departments, (2) overtime, and (3) prevailing rate of wage and a requirement for using materials produced domestically for public contracts.

### **Actions Timeline**

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