Hall of the House of Representatives

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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1191

TO ALLOW THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS TO INCLUDE DELINQUENT RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT DUES AND FEES IN THE SALE OR REDEMPTION PRICE OF TAX-DELINQUENT PROPERTY.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1191

Amend House Bill No. 1191 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 10 through 12, and substitute "ALLOW"

AND

Page 1, line 13, delete "INCLUDE DELINQUENT" and substitute "ASSESS A PENALTY TO BENEFIT CERTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENTS;"

AND

Page 1, delete lines 14 and 15

AND

Page 1, line 16, delete "TECHNICAL CHANGES;"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL METHODS FOR COLLECTING DELINQUENT FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES AND DUES; AND TO ALLOW THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS TO ASSESS A PENALTY TO BENEFIT CERTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENTS."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 37, Subchapter 1, is

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amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

<u>26-37-110.</u> Penalty for delinquent fire department dues and fees — Grant program.

(a) If delinquent fire department dues and fees are owing on taxdelinquent land forfeited to the state and the delinquent fire department dues and fees have not been certified to the Commissioner of State Lands for collection, the Commissioner of State Lands may assess a penalty of no more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) in addition to any other fees and penalties allowed under this chapter.

(b) The purchaser or redeemer of the property shall be responsible for paying any penalty assessed under this section.

(c)(1) The Commissioner of State Lands shall use the funds collected under this section to establish and administer by rule a grant program, which shall be used to provide financial assistance to fire departments to be used exclusively to hire a consultant or temporary employee for the purpose of lowering the fire department's Public Protection Classification rating as determined by Insurance Services Office, Inc.

(2) The rules promulgated under this section are subject to the Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq."

The Amendment was read By: Representative Hammer JLL/JLL - 04-04-2013 09:07:29 JLL515

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