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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAW ON REIMBURSEMENT TO FIRE

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DEPARTMENTS FOR CERTAIN SERVICES PROVIDED; AND FOR

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OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO REVISE THE LAW ON REIMBURSEMENT TO

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FIRE DEPARTMENTS *FOR CERTAIN SERVICES*

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-53-102(b), *concerning accident response and fire fighting* by a municipal fire department beyond municipal limits, is amended *to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:*

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(3) The city or town may seek payment or reimbursement from the property owner involved or the county after the ninety-day period for one hundred percent (100%) of the expendable resources the city or town used to respond to an accident if the accident involved personal property only.

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-22-901(a)(1), *concerning the duty of a volunteer fire department to respond*, is amended to read as follows:

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(a)(1)(A) Upon receipt of a report of an uncontrolled fire or a 911 or other emergency call reporting a fire, it shall be the duty of volunteer fire departments operating within the State of Arkansas to respond to, attempt to control, and put out all fires occurring within their respective districts involving any real or personal property, whether or not that property is

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1 owned by members of the fire district.

2 (B) The volunteer fire department may seek payment or
3 reimbursement from a member or nonmember of the fire district for one hundred
4 percent (100%) of the expendable resources the department used to respond to
5 an accident under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section if the accident
6 involved personal property only.

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8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-22-901(b)(2), concerning a fire on
9 property owned by a nonmember of a volunteer fire department, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (2)(A) A claim for services in responding to a fire or accident
12 involving only personal property shall be allowed only for personal property
13 of nonmembers.

14 (B) The claimed amount under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this
15 section shall not exceed ~~eight hundred dollars (\$800)~~ one thousand two
16 hundred dollars (\$1,200).

17 (C)(i) A claim under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section
18 shall be supported by a completed and attached Uniform Fire Department
19 Insurance Reimbursement Billing Form.

20 (ii) The Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board
21 shall adopt rules to create the form and the allowable rates for
22 reimbursement under this subdivision (b)(2).

23 (iii) The board shall use the Schedule of Equipment
24 Rates published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United
25 States Department of Homeland Security, as in effect on January 1, 2013.

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