

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 903

TO REQUIRE A HOMEOWNER TO DOCUMENT MEMBERSHIP OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
BEFORE AN INSURER APPLIES A RATE CREDIT OR REDUCED RATE ON HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE
PREMIUMS.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 903

Amend Senate Bill No. 903 as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE A HOMEOWNER TO MAINTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP FOR AN INSURER TO APPLY A RATE CREDIT OR REDUCED RATE ON HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PREMIUMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO ENCOURAGE A HOMEOWNER TO MAINTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP FOR AN INSURER TO APPLY A RATE CREDIT OR REDUCED RATE ON HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PREMIUMS."

AND

Page 1, line 26, delete "(b)(1)" and substitute "(b)"

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Page 1, delete line 35 and 36 and substitute the following:
"rural fire protection district or rural fire department.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-88-301 is amended to read as follows:
23-88-301. Legislative intent.

It is declared by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that:
(1) ~~adequate~~ Adequate insurance upon property in the rural areas is necessary to the economic welfare of the state; ~~and~~
(2) ~~that while the~~ The need for such insurance is increasing, but the market for it is not adequate and may become less adequate in the future.;



(3) It is the purpose of this subchapter to provide a mandatory plan to assure an adequate market for property insurance on insurable risks in the rural areas of Arkansas; and

(4) To improve membership retention of homeowners and property owners in a volunteer rural fire department, the responsibility to bill and mail fire department renewal subscription notices for rural fire departments and districts is transferred to the Arkansas Fire Training Academy.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 23-88-306(d), concerning a plan that assures an adequate market for property insurance on insurable risks in the rural areas of this state, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) The commissioner shall assess all members an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) annually, ~~if needed,~~ for the expense of mailing fire department renewal subscription notices.

(2) On and after the effective date of this act, the Arkansas Fire Training Academy shall be responsible for mailing fire department renewal subscription notices to homeowners and property owners.

SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. (a) On the effective date of this act, the Arkansas Rural Risk Underwriting Association shall transfer to the Arkansas Fire Training Academy the unexpended balances collected by the association under § 23-88-306(d)(1) and the property, records, and assets of the association that are necessary for the academy to mail the fire department renewal subscription notices as required under § 23-88-306(d)(2).

(b) All cash fund balances of the association transferred to the academy under this section shall be used for the expense of mailing fire department renewal subscription notices to homeowners and property owners."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 9

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
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