

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1822

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5 By: Representative Molinaro  
6 By: Senator Hill

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§ 14-284-102 AND 14-284-201  
10 TO CLARIFY THAT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS MAY PROVIDE FIRE  
11 PROTECTION AND OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES, LIKE SEARCH AND  
12 RESCUE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE SERVICES; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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18 RESCUE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE  
19 SERVICES."  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-284-102 is amended to read as follows:  
25 "14-284-102. Purpose of district.

26 The purpose of the district shall be the building, equipping, and  
27 operating of a fire station or stations equipped with a fire truck or fire  
28 trucks, fire hose, chemical fire extinguishers, and other equipment for  
29 extinguishing fires. The district may provide other emergency services, like  
30 hazardous and toxic materials response, search and rescue, emergency medical,  
31 ambulance, and patient transport services, and such other functions as may be  
32 assigned to or reasonably expected of a local fire services agency and which  
33 it is trained and qualified to perform."

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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-284-201 is amended to read as follows:  
36 "14-284-201. Applicability.

1 (a)(1) Fire protection districts established under the provisions of  
2 this subchapter shall cover only territory within the county, or within the  
3 defined district, outside the corporate limits of cities and towns.

4 (2) However, if any city or town within the district does not  
5 have an organized or volunteer fire department and desires to be included  
6 within the fire protection district, upon the adoption of an ordinance  
7 therefor by the governing body of the city or town, addressed to the county  
8 judge and quorum court, the area covered by the fire protection district may  
9 be extended to provide fire protection within the city limits of the city or  
10 town by ordinance adopted by the quorum court.

11 (b) In order to avoid duplication of fire protection services, fire  
12 protection districts established under this subchapter shall be established  
13 for the primary purpose of providing fire protection in rural areas for  
14 buildings, structures, and other man-made improvements. In addition, fire  
15 protection districts may provide other emergency services, like hazardous and  
16 toxic materials response, search and rescue services, emergency medical,  
17 ambulance, and patient transport services, and such other functions as may be  
18 assigned to or reasonably expected of a local fire services agency and which  
19 it is trained and qualified to perform. Nothing in this subchapter shall be  
20 construed to relieve the Arkansas Forestry Commission of responsibility for  
21 providing for fire protection for forest lands."  
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23 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
24 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
25 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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27 SECTION 4. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to  
28 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
29 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
30 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
31 act are declared to be severable.  
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33 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
34 hereby repealed.  
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36 /s/Molinaro