

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1838

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5 *By: Representative Purdom*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT REQUESTING AGENTS OF INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT
10 PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PROPERTY WHICH IS WITHIN
11 THE SERVICE AREA OF ANY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO COOPERATE
12 WITH THE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT BY CONFIRMING, UPON REQUEST
13 OF THE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF
14 THEIR INSUREDS WHO CLAIM TO BE MEMBERS OF THE RURAL FIRE
15 DEPARTMENT."

Subtitle

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18 "INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE REQUESTED TO
19 COOPERATE WITH THE RURAL FIRE
20 DEPARTMENT, UPON THEIR REQUEST, BY
21 CONFIRMING NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THEIR
22 INSUREDS WHO CLAIM TO BE MEMBERS OF THE
23 RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS."

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25 WHEREAS, persons who reside within areas serviced by rural fire
26 departments usually receive favorable insurance premium ratings because of the
27 fire protection services provided by the rural fire departments; and

28 WHEREAS, in many instances once the insured has received the favorable
29 premium rating the insured ceases to pay membership fees to the rural fire
30 departments; and

31 WHEREAS, the people who pay reduced insurance rates because of the fire
32 protection provided by rural fire departments should pay their fair share for
33 the operation of the rural fire department.

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35 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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1 SECTION 1. (a) Each insurance agent of an insurance company that
2 provides insurance coverage for property which is within the service area of
3 any rural fire department is requested to cooperate with the rural fire
4 departments by confirming, upon request of the rural fire department, the
5 names and addresses of their insureds who claim to be members of the rural
6 fire department.

7 (b) The State Insurance Commissioner is requested to provide a copy of
8 this act to each insurance company that provides fire insurance coverage in
9 Arkansas.

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11 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
12 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
13 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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15 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
16 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
17 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
18 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
19 act are declared to be severable.

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21 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
22 hereby repealed.

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/s/Rep. Purdom

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