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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2282

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT FIRE DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAVE LESS
10 THAN A SIX (6) INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE RATING SHALL NOT
11 RECEIVE FIRE PROTECTION PREMIUM TAX FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 "TO PROVIDE THAT FIRE DEPARTMENTS WHICH
16 HAVE LESS THAN A SIX (6) INSURANCE
17 SERVICES OFFICE RATING SHALL NOT RECEIVE
18 FIRE PROTECTION PREMIUM TAX FUNDS."

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-284-403 is amended to read as follows:

23 "§ 14-284-403. Apportionment of funds.

24 (a)(1) These premium tax moneys are assessed for disbursement from the
25 Fire Protection Premium Tax Fund by the Department of Finance and
26 Administration to the counties in the following percentages:

27 Arkansas County - 0.78%, Ashley County - 1.39%, Baxter County - 1.78%,
28 Benton County - 3.86%, Boone County - 1.46%, Bradley County - 0.52%, Calhoun
29 County - 0.51%, Carroll County - 0.97%, Chicot County - 0.51%, Clark County -
30 1.13%, Clay County - 1.10%, Cleburne County - 1.11%, Cleveland County - 0.66%,
31 Columbia County - 1.24%, Conway County - 1.04%, Craighead County - 2.91%,
32 Crawford County - 1.98%, Crittenden County - 1.32%, Cross County - 0.84%,
33 Dallas County - 0.45%, Desha County - 0.71%, Drew County - 0.80%, Faulkner
34 County - 2.30%, Franklin County - 0.97%, Fulton County - 0.84%, Garland County
35 - 3.12%, Grant County - 1.13%, Greene County - 1.39%, Hempstead County -
36 1.89%, Hot Spring County - 1.46%, Howard County - 0.75%, Independence County -

1 1.90%, IZARD County - 0.91%, JACKSON County - 0.95%, JEFFERSON County - 2.32%,
2 JOHNSON County - 1.05%, LAFAYETTE County - 0.71%, LAWRENCE County - 0.96%, LEE
3 County - 0.73%, LINCOLN County - 1.12%, LITTLE RIVER County - 0.77%, LOGAN
4 County - 1.06%, LONOKE County - 1.70%, MADISON County - 0.95%, MARION County -
5 1.00%, MILLER County - 1.44%, MISSISSIPPI County - 1.77%, MONROE County -
6 0.53%, MONTGOMERY County - 0.66%, NEVADA County - 0.58%, NEWTON County -
7 0.67%, OUACHITA County - 1.37%, PERRY County - 0.62%, PHILLIPS County - 1.12%,
8 PIKE County - 0.87%, POINSETT County - 1.14%, POLK County - 1.01%, POPE County
9 - 1.73%, PRAIRIE County - 0.83%, PULASKI County - 5.99%, RANDOLPH County -
10 0.96%, ST. FRANCIS County - 1.45%, SALINE County - 3.00%, SCOTT County -
11 0.59%, SEARCY County - 0.73%, SEBASTIAN County - 2.06%, SEVIER County - 0.82%,
12 SHARP County - 1.30%, STONE County - 0.77%, UNION County - 2.01%, VAN BUREN
13 County - 1.18%, WASHINGTON County - 3.46%, WHITE County - 2.71%, WOODRUFF
14 County - 0.47%, YELL County - 1.11%.

15 (2) The moneys shall be apportioned by each quorum court to the
16 districts and municipalities within the county based upon population unless
17 the County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council notifies the quorum court of
18 the fire protection needs of the districts and municipalities, in which case
19 the moneys shall be apportioned by the quorum court based on those needs.
20 Such funds shall be distributed to municipalities and those certified
21 departments in districts which are in compliance with this subchapter and §§
22 20-22-801 - 20-22-809. Fire departments which are not certified by the Office
23 of Fire Protection Services pursuant to §§ 20-22-801 - 20-22-809 shall also be
24 eligible to receive moneys disbursed under this section so long as all moneys
25 received or spent directly on equipment, training, capital improvements, or
26 other expenditures necessary for upgrading the service provided by the
27 department.

28 (b) Disbursements shall be made on forms prescribed by the Department
29 of Finance and Administration.

30 (c) Fire Departments which have less than a six (6) Insurance Services
31 Office Rating shall not be eligible for disbursements from the Fire Protection
32 Premium Tax Fund.

33 (d) Unclaimed funds under this section shall be transferred each year
34 to the State General Services Fund account there to be used by the Office of
35 rural Advocacy exclusively for grants to rural community fire departments
36 which have an Insurance Services Office Rating of six (6) or more."

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

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

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

/s/Rep. Rorie