

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 83rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2001

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 498

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5 By: Senator Hunter  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 26-57-614 TO INCREASE  
10 THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES  
11 TO ONE PERCENT (1%) ON PREMIUMS FOR COVERAGES UPON  
12 REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING FIRE, ALLIED  
13 LINES, FARM AND HOMEOWNERS AND OTHER SIMILAR LINES OF  
14 INSURANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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17 TO INCREASE THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX  
18 FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES ON FIRE,  
19 FARM AND HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE.  
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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 § 26-57-614 is amended to read as follows:  
25 26-57-614. Fire protection services - Additional tax.

26 (a) It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly of the  
27 State of Arkansas that additional funding is needed to improve the fire  
28 protection services in this state. It is further found and determined that the  
29 public policy of this state is to provide adequate fire protection services  
30 for property of citizens through the use of properly trained and equipped fire  
31 fighters, and that the provisions of this section and §§ 14-284-401 - 14-284-  
32 409 are necessary in furtherance of the public health and safety.

33 (b) In addition to the premium taxes collected from insurers under  
34 other provisions of Arkansas law, each authorized insurer and each formerly  
35 authorized insurer shall pay to the Fire Protection Premium Tax Fund a tax at  
36 the rate of ~~one half of one percent (0.5%)~~ one percent (1%) on net direct

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1 written premiums for coverages upon real and personal property, including, but  
2 not limited to, fire, allied lines, farm owner and homeowner multiple peril,  
3 vehicle physical damage, and vehicle collision, or any combination thereof.

4 (c) This tax shall be collected by the Insurance Commissioner from the  
5 insurers at the same time and in the same manner as provided in the premium  
6 tax sections of the laws of this state under § 26-57-601 et seq. and deposited  
7 into the Fire Protection Premium Tax Fund.

8 (d) Assessments upon which this premium tax is based shall be made on  
9 forms prescribed by the Arkansas Insurance Commissioner.

10 (e) Premium tax payments shall be made upon company checks payable to  
11 the Fire Protection Premium Tax Fund.

12 (f) The provisions of this section and § 14-284-401 et seq. are  
13 intended to be supplemental to current provisions of Arkansas law, and shall  
14 not be construed as repealing or superseding any other laws applicable  
15 thereto.

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17 SECTION 2. [THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
18 CODIFY THIS SECTION.] The provisions of this act shall become effective on  
19 and after January 1, 2002.

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