

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 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1670

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5 By: Representative Moore  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR  
10 FIRE DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR  
14 FIRE DEPARTMENTS.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-22-806 is amended to read as follows:  
20 20-22-806. Certification and classification of fire departments.

21 (a) Fire departments in this state may apply for annual certification  
22 and classification by the Director of the Office of Fire Protection Services.  
23 Each fire department applying for certification shall submit such information  
24 as may be required by the director to determine whether the fire department  
25 meets minimum certification standards and to classify the department as to  
26 its level of service.

27 (b)(1) Until the Certification standards for fire departments shall  
28 not be changed unless the changes are approved by the Arkansas Fire  
29 Protection Services Board ~~adopts certification standards, any fire department~~  
30 ~~shall be entitled to certification upon registering with the board.~~

31 (2) ~~Certification~~ Any change to the certification standards  
32 under this subsection shall not be effective until ~~six (6) months~~ twelve (12)  
33 months after the adoption of the ~~certification standards by the board~~  
34 published change.

35 (c)(1) Firefighters shall maintain a minimum of six (6) hours per  
36 quarter ~~and at least~~ to receive a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours per year



1 of certifiable training meeting the standards of the Arkansas Fire Training  
2 Academy under the Arkansas Comprehensive Fire Protection Act of 1993, § 20-  
3 22-1001 et seq.

4 (d) Firefighters shall also receive within the first year of service  
5 as a firefighter:

6 (1) Up to sixteen (16) hours in the Introduction to Firefighting  
7 course;

8 (2) Up to sixteen (16) hours in the Personal Protective  
9 Equipment course; and

10 (3) Up to eight (8) hours in the Wildland Fires course.

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