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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1191

5 By: Representative Hammer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL METHODS FOR COLLECTING
9 DELINQUENT RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT DUES AND FEES; TO
10 *ALLOW THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS TO ASSESS A*
11 *PENALTY TO BENEFIT CERTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENTS;* AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 *COLLECTING DELINQUENT FIRE DEPARTMENT*
17 *FEES AND DUES; AND TO ALLOW THE*
18 *COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS TO ASSESS A*
19 *PENALTY TO BENEFIT CERTAIN FIRE*
20 *DEPARTMENTS.*
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 37, Subchapter 1, is*
27 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

28 *26-37-110. Penalty for delinquent fire department dues and fees –*
29 *Grant program.*

30 *(a) If delinquent fire department dues and fees are owing on tax-*
31 *delinquent land forfeited to the state and the delinquent fire department*
32 *dues and fees have not been certified to the Commissioner of State Lands for*
33 *collection, the Commissioner of State Lands may assess a penalty of no more*
34 *than fifty dollars (\$50.00) in addition to any other fees and penalties*
35 *allowed under this chapter.*

36 *(b) The purchaser or redeemer of the property shall be responsible for*



1 paying any penalty assessed under this section.

2 (c)(1) The Commissioner of State Lands shall use the funds collected
3 under this section to establish and administer by rule a grant program, which
4 shall be used to provide financial assistance to fire departments to be used
5 exclusively to hire a consultant or temporary employee for the purpose of
6 lowering the fire department's Public Protection Classification rating as
7 determined by Insurance Services Office, Inc.

8 (2) The rules promulgated under this section are subject to the
9 Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

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