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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1191

5 By: Representative Hammer  
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## 7 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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## 15 Subtitle

16 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL METHODS FOR  
17 COLLECTING DELINQUENT FIRE DEPARTMENT  
18 FEES AND DUES; AND TO ALLOW THE  
19 COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS TO ASSESS A  
20 PENALTY TO BENEFIT CERTAIN FIRE  
21 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. Additional penalty – Grant program.

29 (a) In addition to any other fees and penalties allowed under this  
30 chapter, the Commissioner of State Lands may assess a penalty of the lesser  
31 of ten percent (10%) of the total sale or redemption price for any property  
32 forfeited to the state for delinquent taxes or fifty dollars (\$50.00).

33 (b) The purchaser or redeemer of the property shall be responsible for  
34 paying any penalty assessed under this section.

35 (c)(1) The Commissioner of State Lands shall use the funds collected  
36 under this section exclusively for the purposes stated in subdivision (c)(2)



1 of this section.

2 (2)(A) The Commissioner of State Lands, in cooperation with the  
3 Department of Rural Services, shall use the funds collected under this  
4 section to establish and administer by rule a grant program that shall be  
5 used to provide financial assistance to fire departments to be used  
6 exclusively for the purpose of lowering the fire department's Public  
7 Protection Classification rating as determined by Insurance Services Office,  
8 Inc.

9 (B) A fire department receiving a grant under this section  
10 may use the funds to retain personnel to process the documentation required  
11 by Insurance Services Office, Inc., to lower the fire department's Public  
12 Protection Classification rating.

13 (3) The rules promulgated under this section are subject to the  
14 Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

15 (d) This section shall expire on June 30, 2019.

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