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HOUSE BILL 1695

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAW ON REIMBURSEMENT TO FIRE

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DEPARTMENTS FOR CERTAIN SERVICES PROVIDED; AND FOR

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OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO REVISE THE LAW ON REIMBURSEMENT TO

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FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR CERTAIN SERVICES

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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 § 14-53-102(b), concerning accident response
23 and fire fighting by a municipal fire department beyond municipal limits, is
24 amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

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(3) The city or town may seek payment or reimbursement from the
26 property owner involved or the county after the ninety-day period for one
27 hundred percent (100%) of the expendable resources the city or town used to
28 respond to the fire or accident if the fire or accident involved personal
29 property only.

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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-22-901(a)(1), concerning the duty of a
32 volunteer fire department to respond, is amended to read as follows:

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(a)(1)(A) Upon receipt of a report of an uncontrolled fire or a 911 or
34 other emergency call reporting a fire, it shall be the duty of volunteer fire
35 departments operating within the State of Arkansas to respond to, attempt to
36 control, and put out all fires occurring within their respective districts



1 *involving any real or personal property, whether that property is owned by*
2 *members of the fire district.*

3 *(B) The volunteer fire department may seek payment or*
4 *reimbursement from a member or nonmember property owner of the fire district*
5 *for one hundred percent (100%) of the expendable resources the department*
6 *used to respond to a fire or accident under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this*
7 *section.*

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9 *SECTION 3.* Arkansas Code § 20-22-901(b)(2), concerning a fire on
10 property owned by a nonmember of a volunteer fire department, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (2)(A) A claim for services in responding to a *fire or accident*
13 *involving* only personal property shall be allowed only for personal property
14 of nonmembers.

15 (B) The claimed amount under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this
16 section shall not exceed ~~eight hundred dollars (\$800)~~ *one thousand two*
17 *hundred dollars (\$1,200).*

18 *(C)(i) A claim under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section*
19 *shall be supported by a completed and attached Uniform Fire Department*
20 *Insurance Reimbursement Billing Form.*

21 *(ii) The Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board*
22 *shall adopt rules to create the form and the allowable rates for*
23 *reimbursement under this subdivision (b)(2).*

24 *(iii) The board shall use the Schedule of Equipment*
25 *Rates published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United*
26 *States Department of Homeland Security, as in effect on January 1, 2013.*

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28 /s/Catlett
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