

By: Representative Chism

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 1206

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-3-24, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROHIBIT THE MISSISSIPPI RATING BUREAU FROM CHANGING THE FIRE  
3 PROTECTION CLASSIFICATION FOR ANY MUNICIPALITY OR FIRE DISTRICT  
4 SOLELY BECAUSE OF THE AGE OF ITS FIRE TRUCK; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 83-3-24, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 83-3-24. When rating a municipality or fire district, the  
10 Rating Bureau shall consider the mileage, condition and  
11 maintenance of the fire truck rather than the age of such fire  
12 truck. The Rating Bureau shall not change the fire protection  
13 classification for any municipality or fire district solely  
14 because of the age of its fire truck. The guiding factor for  
15 changing the fire protection classification shall be based on a  
16 true cost benefit analysis performed by the local jurisdiction  
17 comparing maintenance cost versus replacement cost of the fire  
18 truck. Such analysis shall use the National Fire Protection  
19 Association (NFPA) standards in the 1900 series for service tests.  
20 For the purpose of grading fire departments, the alternative water  
21 supply standard shall be two hundred fifty (250) gallons per  
22 minute for a sustained period of one (1) hour.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
24 and after its passage.