

By: Representative Mims

To: Insurance;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 330

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL FIRE TRUCK EQUIPMENT
2 AND APPARATUS GRANT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI
3 INSURANCE DEPARTMENT SHOULD DIRECT AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT
4 PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE AND CRITERIA OF THE PROGRAM; TO
5 CREATE A SPECIAL FUND FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION
6 45-33-57, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT
7 OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL IMPOSE A QUARTERLY FEE OF FIVE DOLLARS ON
8 REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS TO DEPOSIT INTO THE SPECIAL FUND FOR THE
9 GRANT PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** The Mississippi Rural Fire Truck Equipment and
12 Apparatus Grant Program is established under the direction and
13 administration of the Mississippi Insurance Department for the
14 purpose of making grants to rural fire departments in Mississippi
15 to supplement investments in fire fighting equipment and
16 apparatus.

17 **SECTION 2.** (1) Any Mississippi rural fire department
18 desiring to participate in the program shall make application for
19 a grant to the department in a form satisfactory to the
20 department. The department shall receive grant proposals from
21 Mississippi rural fire departments. All proposals shall be



22 submitted in accordance with the provisions of grant procedures,
23 criteria and standards developed and made public by the
24 department. Local matching funds are required for any grant in an
25 amount of at least a fifty-fifty (50-50) matching basis with state
26 grant funds. All approved grants shall be awarded within thirty
27 (30) days of approval by the department.

28 (2) The department shall use the funds provided by the
29 special fund created in Section 3 of this act to make grants to
30 Mississippi rural fire departments upon proposals made under
31 subsection (1) of this section. Grants that are awarded to
32 Mississippi rural fire departments shall only be used by those
33 departments to purchase fire fighting equipment and apparatus.

34 (3) The department shall develop regulations, procedures and
35 application forms to govern how grants will be awarded, shall
36 develop a plan to ensure that grants are awarded to most deserving
37 Mississippi rural fire departments, and shall develop an audit
38 process to assure that grant monies are used in the manner
39 awarded.

40 **SECTION 3.** There is created in the State Treasury a special
41 fund to be known as the "Mississippi Rural Fire Truck Equipment
42 and Apparatus Grant Program Fund" which shall consist of funds
43 appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any
44 manner, and funds from any other source designated for deposit
45 into such fund. Monies in the fund shall be used for the purpose
46 of providing grants under the Mississippi Rural Fire Truck



47 Equipment and Apparatus Grant Program created in Section 1 of this
48 act. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a
49 fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any
50 interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the
51 credit of the fund.

52 **SECTION 4.** Section 45-33-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
53 amended as follows:

54 45-33-57. (1) The Department of Public Safety may adopt
55 regulations to establish fees to be charged for information
56 requests under this chapter.

57 (2) The Department of Public Safety may adopt regulations to
58 establish fees to be charged to registrants for registration,
59 reregistration, and verification or change of address.

60 (3) Regulations promulgated under this section shall be duly
61 filed with the Secretary of State under the Administrative
62 Procedures Act.

63 (4) In addition to the fees established through regulations
64 adopted under this section, the Department of Public Safety shall
65 impose an additional fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) on a quarterly
66 basis upon any person required to be registered under Section
67 45-33-25. The monies collected under this subsection (4) shall be
68 deposited into the Mississippi Rural Fire Truck Equipment and
69 Apparatus Grant Program Fund established under Section 3 of this
70 act.



71 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
72 and after July 1, 2018.

