

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 721

BY: Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 17-23-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 17-23-1. (1) There is established the Rural Fire Truck
9 Acquisition Assistance Program to be administered by the
10 Department of Insurance for the purpose of assisting counties and
11 municipalities in the acquisition of fire trucks.

12 (2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to
13 be designated as the "Rural Fire Truck Fund." The Legislature may
14 appropriate that amount necessary to fulfill the obligations
15 created under this section by the Department of Insurance, from



16 the State General Fund to such special fund, which sum shall be
17 added to the remainder of the money transferred on July 1, 1995,
18 and during the 1996 Regular Session to the Rural Fire Truck Fund.
19 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal
20 year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest
21 earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of
22 the fund. Unobligated amounts remaining in the Rural Fire Truck
23 Fund, Fund No. 3507, or in any fund created for funds appropriated
24 or otherwise made available for this program, may be used as
25 matching funds by any county with remaining eligibility as
26 provided herein. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
27 Department of Insurance continue to accept applications from the
28 counties for fire trucks as provided in subsection (3) of this
29 section.

30 (3) (a) A county that meets the requirements provided
31 herein may receive an amount not to exceed * * * Nine Hundred
32 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$920,000.00) as provided in subparagraphs
33 (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi),
34 (xii) * * *, (xiii) and (xiv) of this paragraph, and such amount
35 shall be divided as follows: an amount of not more than Fifty
36 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per fire truck for the first six (6)
37 trucks and not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per
38 fire truck for the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh
39 trucks, and not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per
40 fire truck for the twelfth * * *, thirteenth and fourteenth truck.



41 Monies distributed under this chapter shall be expended only for
42 the purchase of new fire trucks and such trucks must meet the
43 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards in the 1900
44 series.

45 (i) Any county that has not applied for a fire
46 truck under this section is eligible to submit applications
47 for * * * fourteen (14) fire trucks as follows: six (6) fire
48 trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per
49 truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand
50 Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and * * * three (3) fire trucks at
51 not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a
52 total of * * * Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$920,000.00).

53 (ii) Any county that has received one (1) fire
54 truck under this section is eligible to submit applications
55 for * * * thirteen (13) fire trucks as follows: five (5) fire
56 trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per
57 truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand
58 Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and * * * three (3) fire trucks at
59 not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a
60 total of * * * Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars
61 (\$870,000.00).

62 (iii) Any county that has received two (2) fire
63 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application
64 for * * * twelve (12) fire trucks as follows: four (4) fire
65 trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per



66 truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand
67 Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and * * * three (3) fire trucks at
68 not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a
69 total of not more than * * * Eight Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars
70 (\$820,000.00).

71 (iv) Any county that has received three (3) fire
72 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application
73 for * * * eleven (11) fire trucks as follows: three (3) fire
74 trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per
75 truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand
76 Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and * * * three (3) fire trucks at
77 not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a
78 total of not more than * * * Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand
79 Dollars (\$770,000.00).

80 (v) Any county that has received four (4) fire
81 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application
82 for * * * ten (10) fire trucks as follows: two (2) fire trucks at
83 not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and
84 five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars
85 (\$70,000.00) per truck, and * * * three (3) fire trucks at not
86 more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a
87 total of not more than * * * Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars
88 (\$720,000.00).

89 (vi) Any county that has received five (5) fire
90 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application



91 for * * * nine (9) fire trucks as follows: one (1) fire truck at
92 not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and
93 five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars
94 (\$70,000.00) per truck, and * * * three (3) fire trucks at not
95 more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a
96 total of not more than * * * Six Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars
97 (\$670,000.00).

98 (vii) Any county that has received six (6) fire
99 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application
100 for * * * eight (8) fire trucks as follows: five (5) fire trucks
101 at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck,
102 and * * * three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand
103 Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than * * *
104 Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$620,000.00).

105 (viii) Any county that has received seven (7) fire
106 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application
107 for * * * seven (7) fire trucks as follows: four (4) fire trucks
108 at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck,
109 and * * * three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand
110 Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than * * *
111 Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00).

112 (ix) Any county that has received eight (8) fire
113 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application
114 for * * * six (6) fire trucks as follows: three (3) fire trucks
115 at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck,



116 and * * * three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand
117 Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than * * *
118 Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$480,000.00).

119 (x) Any county that has received nine (9) fire
120 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application
121 for * * * five (5) fire trucks as follows: two (2) fire trucks at
122 not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck,
123 and * * * three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand
124 Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than * * *
125 Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$410,000.00).

126 (xi) Any county that has received ten (10) fire
127 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application
128 for * * * four (4) fire trucks as follows: one (1) fire truck at
129 not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck,
130 and * * * three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand
131 Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than * * *
132 Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$340,000.00).

133 (xii) Any county that has received eleven (11)
134 fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an
135 application for * * * three (3) fire trucks at not more than
136 Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck.

137 (xiii) Any county may apply for * * * three (3)
138 fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00)
139 per truck as provided in subparagraph (xii), provided that the
140 county agrees to forego any previous fire truck under



141 subparagraphs (i) through (xi) for which the county has not
142 previously applied, and that the county has received approval from
143 the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program Committee to
144 apply for and receive a truck under subparagraph (xii).

145 (b) The board of supervisors of the county shall submit
146 its request for the receipt of monies to the Department of
147 Insurance. A committee composed of the Commissioner of Insurance,
148 the State Fire Coordinator, the Director of the Rating Bureau and
149 the Director of the State Fire Academy shall review the requests
150 by the boards of supervisors and shall determine whether the
151 county or municipality for which the board of supervisors has
152 requested a truck meets the requirements of eligibility under this
153 chapter.

154 (c) To be eligible to receive monies under this
155 chapter:

156 (i) A county or municipality must pledge to set
157 aside or dedicate each year as matching funds, for a period not to
158 extend over ten (10) years, local funds in an amount equal to or
159 not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the amount of monies for which
160 it is requesting distribution from the Rural Fire Truck Fund,
161 which pledged monies may be derived from local ad valorem tax
162 authorized by law or from any other funds available to the county
163 or municipality, except for those funds received by municipalities
164 or counties from the Municipal Fire Protection Fund or the County



165 Volunteer Fire Department Fund, as defined in Sections 83-1-37 and
166 83-1-39.

167 (ii) A municipality must provide adequate
168 documentation of its contract with the county that requires the
169 municipality to provide fire protection in rural areas. The term
170 "rural areas" means any area within the county located outside the
171 boundaries of an incorporated municipality or any incorporated
172 municipality with a population of two thousand five hundred
173 (2,500) or less.

174 (d) The Department of Insurance shall maintain an
175 accurate record of all monies distributed to counties and
176 municipalities and the number of fire trucks purchased and the
177 cost for each fire truck, such records to be kept separate from
178 other records of the Department of Insurance; notify counties and
179 municipalities of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance
180 Program and the requirements for them to become eligible to
181 participate; adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as
182 may be necessary and desirable to implement the provisions of this
183 chapter; and file with the Legislature a report detailing how
184 monies made available under this chapter were distributed and
185 spent during the preceding portion of the fiscal year in each
186 county and municipality, the number of fire trucks purchased, the
187 counties and municipalities making such purchases, and the cost of
188 each fire truck purchased.



189 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
190 and after July 1, 2020, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2020.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-23-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL ROUND OF FIRE TRUCKS FOR COUNTIES AND
3 MUNICIPALITIES UNDER THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION ASSISTANCE
4 PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

