

**Adopted
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

Cmte Sub for House Bill No. 1194

BY: Representatives Reynolds, Lancaster, Owen, Bain, Watson, Holloway, Goodin, Byrd, Steverson, Straughter, Rushing, Hale, Carpenter, Barnett, Miles, Ladner, Hood, Tubb, Horan, Tullos, Felsher, Sanford, Calvert, Bell (21st), McCarty, Pigott, Arnold, Roberson, Powell, Creekmore IV, Kinkade, Evans (45th)

1 **AMEND** by inserting the following language after line 281:
2 **SECTION 2.** (1) There is established the 2023 Supplementary
3 Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program to be administered
4 by the Department of Insurance for the purpose of assisting
5 counties and municipalities in the acquisition of fire trucks.
6 The 2023 Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance
7 Program is in addition to the rural fire truck acquisition
8 assistance program established in Section 17-23-1 or any other
9 program by which counties and municipalities acquire fire trucks.



10 (2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to
11 be designated as the "2023 Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund"
12 which shall consist of funds appropriated or otherwise made
13 available by the Legislature in any manner, and funds from any
14 other source designated for deposit into such fund. Monies in the
15 fund shall be used for the purpose of assisting counties and
16 municipalities in the acquisition of fire trucks. Unexpended
17 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall
18 lapse into the State General Fund.

19 (3) (a) A county that meets the requirements provided
20 herein may receive an amount of not more than One Hundred Thousand
21 Dollars (\$100,000.00) per fire truck for the fiscal year beginning
22 July 1, 2023, and ending July 1, 2024. Monies distributed under
23 this section shall be expended only for the purchase of new fire
24 trucks and such trucks must meet the National Fire Protection
25 Association (NFPA) standards in the 1900 series.

26 (b) The board of supervisors of the county shall submit
27 its request for the receipt of monies to the Department of
28 Insurance. A committee composed of the Commissioner of Insurance,
29 the State Fire Coordinator, the Director of the Rating Bureau and
30 the Director of the State Fire Academy shall review the requests
31 by the boards of supervisors and shall determine whether the
32 county or municipality for which the board of supervisors has
33 requested a truck meets the requirements of eligibility under this
34 section.



35 (c) To be eligible to receive monies under this
36 section:

37 (i) A county or municipality must pledge to set
38 aside or dedicate each year as matching funds, for a period not to
39 extend over ten (10) years, local funds in an amount equal to or
40 not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the amount of monies for which
41 it is requesting distribution from the 2023 Supplementary Rural
42 Fire Truck Fund, which pledged monies may be derived from local ad
43 valorem tax authorized by law or from any other funds available to
44 the county or municipality, except for those funds received by
45 municipalities or counties from the Municipal Fire Protection Fund
46 or the County Volunteer Fire Department Fund, as defined in
47 Sections 83-1-37 and 83-1-39.

48 (ii) A municipality must provide adequate
49 documentation of its contract with the county that requires the
50 municipality to provide fire protection in rural areas. The term
51 "rural areas" means any area within the county located outside the
52 boundaries of an incorporated municipality or any incorporated
53 municipality with a population of two thousand five hundred
54 (2,500) or less.

55 (iii) A county or a municipality, designated by
56 the county, must have exhausted all rounds of applications for
57 fire trucks available to it under Section 17-23-1.

58 (d) The Department of Insurance shall maintain an
59 accurate record of all monies distributed to counties and



60 municipalities and the number of fire trucks purchased and the
61 cost for each fire truck, such records to be kept separate from
62 other records of the Department of Insurance; notify counties and
63 municipalities of the 2023 Supplementary Rural Fire Truck
64 Acquisition Assistance Program and the requirements for them to
65 become eligible to participate; adopt and promulgate such rules
66 and regulations as may be necessary and desirable to implement the
67 provisions of this section; and file with the Legislature a report
68 detailing how monies made available under this section were
69 distributed and spent in each county and municipality, the number
70 of fire trucks purchased, the counties and municipalities making
71 such purchases and the cost of each fire truck purchased.

72 **AMEND** further on line 282 by striking the figure "2" and
73 inserting in lieu thereof: 3

74 **AMEND** further on line 283 by striking the word "October" and
75 by inserting in lieu thereof: July

76 **AMEND** title to conform

