

By: Representatives Turner, Arnold, Boyd
(19th)

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 295

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A REFUNDABLE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR
2 TAXPAYERS WHO SERVE AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS; TO PROVIDE THE
3 AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE AMOUNT OF TAX
4 CREDIT CLAIMED BY A TAXPAYER EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT OF INCOME TAX
5 IMPOSED UPON THE TAXPAYER FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR, THEN THE TAXPAYER
6 SHALL RECEIVE A REFUND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE
7 AMOUNT OF SUCH EXCESS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a
10 taxpayer shall be allowed a refundable credit against the income
11 taxes imposed under this chapter for the taxable year in which the
12 taxpayer served in active service as a volunteer firefighter. The
13 amount of the credit shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). If
14 the amount of credit claimed by a taxpayer exceeds the amount of
15 income tax imposed upon the taxpayer for the taxable year reduced
16 by the sum of all other credits allowable to the taxpayer under
17 this chapter, except credit for tax payments made by or on behalf
18 of the taxpayer, then the taxpayer shall receive a refund from the
19 Department of Revenue for the amount of such excess.



20 (2) In order to receive the tax credit authorized in this
21 section, a taxpayer must provide documentation on a form prepared
22 by the Department of Revenue and verified by the appropriate
23 county fire coordinator that the taxpayer is actively serving as a
24 volunteer firefighter. The State Fire Marshal shall promulgate
25 rules and regulations to assist county fire coordinators in
26 defining and prescribing those persons who may qualify for the tax
27 credit authorized under this section as active service volunteer
28 firefighters.

29 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a new
30 section in Chapter 7, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

31 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after January 1, 2026.

