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*49*  
**Cmte Sub for House Bill No. 948**

*Huler & Miles*  
**BY: Representatives Gipson, Carpenter, Byrd, McLeod,  
-Miles**

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1 **AMEND** after line ~~186~~ by inserting the following new section  
2 and renumbering the succeeding section:

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3 **SECTION 5.** Section 17-23-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
4 amended as follows:

5 17-23-1. (1) There is established the Rural Fire Truck  
6 Acquisition Assistance Program to be administered by the  
7 Department of Insurance for the purpose of assisting counties and  
8 municipalities in the acquisition of fire trucks, firefighting  
9 equipment and/or personal protective equipment and related gear.

10 (2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to  
11 be designated as the "Rural Fire Truck Fund." The Legislature may  
12 appropriate that amount necessary to fulfill the obligations

13 created under this section by the Department of Insurance, from  
14 the State General Fund to such special fund, which sum shall be  
15 added to the remainder of the money transferred on July 1, 1995,  
16 and during the 1996 Regular Session to the Rural Fire Truck Fund.  
17 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal  
18 year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest  
19 earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of  
20 the fund. Unobligated amounts remaining in the Rural Fire Truck  
21 Fund, Fund No. 3507, or in Fund No. 3508, or in Fund No. 3504, or  
22 in any fund created for funds appropriated or otherwise made  
23 available for this program, may be used as matching funds by any  
24 county with remaining eligibility as provided herein. It is the  
25 intent of the Legislature that the Department of Insurance  
26 continue to accept applications from the counties for fire trucks  
27 as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

28       (3) (a) A county that meets the requirements provided  
29 herein may receive an amount not to exceed \* \* \* Seven Hundred  
30 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$720,000.00) as provided in subparagraphs  
31 (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x) \* \* \*,  
32 (xi) and (xii) of this paragraph, and such amount shall be divided  
33 as follows: an amount of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars  
34 (\$50,000.00) per fire truck for the first six (6) trucks and not  
35 more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per fire truck for  
36 the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth \* \* \*, eleventh and twelfth  
37 trucks. Monies distributed under this chapter shall be expended

38 only for the purchase of new fire trucks and such trucks must meet  
39 the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards in the  
40 1900 series.

41 (i) Any county that has not applied for a fire  
42 truck under this section is eligible to submit applications  
43 for \* \* \* twelve (12) fire trucks as follows: six (6) fire trucks  
44 at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck  
45 and \* \* \* six (6) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand  
46 Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck or a total of \* \* \* Seven Hundred  
47 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$720,000.00).

48 (ii) Any county that has received one (1) fire  
49 truck under this section is eligible to submit applications  
50 for \* \* \* eleven (11) fire trucks as follows: six (6) fire trucks  
51 at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck  
52 and \* \* \* six (6) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand  
53 Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck or a total of \* \* \* Six Hundred  
54 Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$670,000.00).

55 (iii) Any county that has received two (2) fire  
56 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application  
57 for \* \* \* ten (10) fire trucks as follows: four (4) fire trucks  
58 at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck  
59 and \* \* \* six (6) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand  
60 Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than \* \* \*  
61 Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$620,000.00).



62 (iv) Any county that has received three (3) fire  
63 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application  
64 for \* \* \* nine (9) fire trucks as follows: three (3) fire trucks  
65 at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck  
66 and \* \* \* six (6) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand  
67 Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than \* \* \*  
68 Five Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$570,000.00).

69 (v) Any county that has received four (4) fire  
70 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application  
71 for \* \* \* eight (8) fire trucks as follows: two (2) fire trucks  
72 at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck  
73 and \* \* \* six (6) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand  
74 Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than \* \* \*  
75 Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$520,000.00).

76 (vi) Any county that has received five (5) fire  
77 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application  
78 for \* \* \* seven (7) fire trucks as follows: one (1) fire truck at  
79 not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck  
80 and \* \* \* six (6) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand  
81 Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than \* \* \*  
82 Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$470,000.00).

83 (vii) Any county that has received six (6) fire  
84 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application  
85 for \* \* \* six (6) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand



86 Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than \* \* \*

87 Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$420,000.00).

88 (viii) Any county that has received seven (7) fire  
89 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application  
90 for \* \* \* five (5) fire trucks at not more than \* \* \* Three  
91 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00).

92 (ix) Any county that has received eight (8) fire  
93 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application  
94 for \* \* \* four (4) fire trucks at not more than \* \* \* Two Hundred  
95 Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000.00).

96 (x) Any county that has received nine (9) fire  
97 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application  
98 for \* \* \* three (3) fire trucks at not more than \* \* \* Two Hundred  
99 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$210,000.00).

100 (xi) Any county that has received ten (10) fire  
101 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application  
102 for \* \* \* two (2) fire trucks at not more than \* \* \* One Hundred  
103 Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00).

104 (xi) Any county that has received eleven (11) fire  
105 trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for  
106 one (1) fire truck at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars  
107 (\$70,000.00).

108 (b) The board of supervisors of the county shall submit  
109 its request for the receipt of monies to the Department of  
110 Insurance. A committee composed of the Commissioner of Insurance,



111 the State Fire Coordinator, the Director of the Rating Bureau and  
112 the Director of the State Fire Academy shall review the requests  
113 by the boards of supervisors and shall determine whether the  
114 county or municipality for which the board of supervisors has  
115 requested a truck meets the requirements of eligibility under this  
116 chapter.

117 (c) To be eligible to receive monies under this  
118 chapter:

119 (i) A county or municipality must pledge to set  
120 aside or dedicate each year as matching funds, for a period not to  
121 extend over ten (10) years, local funds in an amount equal to or  
122 not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the amount of monies for which  
123 it is requesting distribution from the Rural Fire Truck Fund,  
124 which pledged monies may be derived from local ad valorem tax  
125 authorized by law or from any other funds available to the county  
126 or municipality, except for those funds received by municipalities  
127 or counties from the Municipal Fire Protection Fund or the County  
128 Volunteer Fire Department Fund, as defined in Sections 83-1-37 and  
129 83-1-39.

130 (ii) A municipality must provide adequate  
131 documentation of its contract with the county that requires the  
132 municipality to provide fire protection in rural areas. The term  
133 "rural areas" means any area within the county located outside the  
134 boundaries of an incorporated municipality or any incorporated



135 municipality with a population of two thousand five hundred  
136 (2,500) or less.

137 (d) The Department of Insurance shall maintain an  
138 accurate record of all monies distributed to counties and  
139 municipalities and the number of fire trucks purchased and the  
140 cost for each fire truck, such records to be kept separate from  
141 other records of the Department of Insurance; notify counties and  
142 municipalities of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance  
143 Program and the requirements for them to become eligible to  
144 participate; adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as  
145 may be necessary and desirable to implement the provisions of this  
146 chapter; and file with the Legislature a report detailing how  
147 monies made available under this chapter were distributed and  
148 spent during the preceding portion of the fiscal year in each  
149 county and municipality, the number of fire trucks purchased, the  
150 counties and municipalities making such purchases, \* \* \* the cost  
151 of each fire truck purchased and the equipment/gear purchased  
152 under paragraph (e) of this subsection.

153 (e) Any county participating in any round under this  
154 section may request and receive an amount up to Twenty Five  
155 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for firefighting equipment and/or  
156 personal protective equipment and related gear.

157 *to conform*  
**AMEND further** the title ~~as follows~~ on Line 13 by inserting  
158 ~~the following after the semicolon:~~



159 "TO AMEND SECTION 17-23-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
160 AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL ROUND FOR THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION  
161 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;"

