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HOUSE BILL NO. 197

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 589, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to neighborhood safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 589, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 589.685, to read as follows:

589.685. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Neighborhood Watch Fund", which shall consist of moneys collected under this section. The general assembly may appropriate moneys to the fund for the purpose of providing funds to counties, cities, towns, other political subdivisions, or wards of a city not within a county, as provided in this section. At no time shall the annual amount of funding approved for disbursement from the neighborhood watch fund exceed ten million dollars.

2. Moneys in the fund may be distributed to counties, cities, towns, other political subdivisions, or wards of a city not within a county for the creation or establishment of neighborhood watch organizations.

3. The director of the department of public safety shall create an application and establish procedures for counties, cities, towns, other political subdivisions, or wards of a city not within a county to follow to receive funds under this section. To qualify, a county, city, town, other political subdivision, or ward of a city not within a county shall complete an application to the department of public safety.

4. The department of public safety shall make a determination regarding the application for a disbursement from the neighborhood watch fund based on the application submitted by a county, city, town, other political subdivision, or ward of a city not within

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 a county. In determining disbursement of funds from the neighborhood watch fund,
19 priority shall be given to areas with a high crime rate, as defined in this subsection. An
20 area with a high crime rate, for purposes of this section, is defined as a county, city, town,
21 other political subdivision, or ward of a city not within a county that is in the top twenty-
22 five percent of all counties with the highest overall crime rate according to the most
23 recently available state highway patrol uniform crime reporting program.

24 5. The director of the department of public safety may promulgate rules and
25 regulations to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as
26 that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this
27 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions
28 of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
29 nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to
30 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
31 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
32 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2017, shall be invalid and void.

33 6. The director of the department of public safety shall administer the
34 neighborhood watch fund. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In
35 accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve
36 disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriations, moneys in
37 the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this section.

38 7. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys
39 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the
40 general revenue fund.

41 8. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other
42 funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited
43 to the fund.

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