

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 303, Page 11, Section 287.220, Line 177,
2 by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "287.245. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

5 (1) "Association", volunteer fire protection associations as defined in section 320.300;

6 (2) "State fire marshal", the state fire marshal selected under the provisions of sections
7 320.200 to 320.270;

8 (3) "Volunteer firefighter", the same meaning as in section 287.243;

9 (4) "Voluntary firefighter cancer benefits pool" or "pool", the same meaning as in section
10 320.400.

11 2. Any association may apply to the state fire marshal for a grant for the purpose of funding
12 such association's costs related to workers' compensation insurance premiums for volunteer
13 firefighters.

14 3. Subject to appropriations, the state fire marshal shall disburse grants to each ~~[applying]~~
15 qualifying volunteer fire protection district or association according to the following schedule:

16 (1) Associations which had zero to five volunteer firefighters receive workers' compensation
17 benefits from claims arising out of and in the course of the prevention or control of fire or the
18 underwater recovery of drowning victims in the preceding calendar year shall be eligible for two
19 thousand dollars in grant money;

20 (2) Associations which had six to ten volunteer firefighters receive workers' compensation
21 benefits from claims arising out of and in the course of the prevention or control of fire or the
22 underwater recovery of drowning victims in the preceding calendar year shall be eligible for one
23 thousand five hundred dollars in grant money;

24 (3) Associations which had eleven to fifteen volunteer firefighters receive workers'
25 compensation benefits from claims arising out of and in the course of the prevention or control of
26 fire or the underwater recovery of drowning victims in the preceding calendar year shall be eligible
27 for one thousand dollars in grant money;

28 (4) Associations which had sixteen to twenty volunteer firefighters receive workers'
29 compensation benefits from claims arising out of and in the course of the prevention or control of
30 fire or the underwater recovery of drowning victims in the preceding calendar year shall be eligible
31 for five hundred dollars in grant money.

32 4. Grant money disbursed under this section shall only be used for the purpose of paying for
33 the workers' compensation insurance premiums of volunteer firefighters or establishing a voluntary
34 firefighter cancer benefits pool."; and

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36 Further amend said bill, Page 14, Section 287.480, Line 30, by inserting after all of said section and

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line the following:

"320.300. As used in sections 320.300 to 320.310, the phrase "volunteer fire protection association" means any fire department, including a municipal fire department, which is staffed by volunteers and organized for the purpose of combating fires in a specified area. The provisions of sections 320.300 to 320.310 shall apply only to volunteer fire protection associations either partially or wholly funded by membership or subscriber fees ~~[and shall not apply to fire protection districts supported by local tax revenues, or which have contracted with a political subdivision to respond to fires within the area of an association's boundaries]~~.

320.400. 1. For purposes of this section, the terms "Voluntary firefighter cancer benefits pool" or "pool" mean, an entity described in section 537.620 that is established for the purposes of this section.

2. (1) Three or more employers may create a voluntary firefighter cancer benefits pool for the purpose of this section. An employer may make contributions into the voluntary firefighter cancer benefits pool established for the purpose of this section. The contribution levels and award levels shall be set by the board of trustees of the pool.

(2) For an employer that chooses to make contributions into the voluntary firefighter cancer benefits pool, the pool shall provide the minimum benefits specified by the board of trustees of the pool to covered individuals, based on the award level of the cancer at the time of diagnosis, after the employer becomes a participant.

(3) A covered individual who is receiving payments from the pool shall not lose any employment or benefit while such individual is undergoing medical treatment.

3. The board of trustees of the pool shall be considered a public governmental body and shall be subject to all of the provisions of chapter 610.

4. The state fire marshal may grant money disbursed under section 287.245 to be used for the purpose of setting up a pool.

537.620. Notwithstanding any direct or implied prohibitions in chapter 375, 377, or 379, any three or more political subdivisions of this state may form a business entity for the purpose described in section 320.400 or for the purpose of providing liability and all other insurance, including insurance for elderly or low-income housing in which the political subdivision has an insurable interest, for any of the subdivisions upon the assessment plan as provided in sections 537.600 to 537.650. Any public governmental body or quasi-public governmental body, as defined in section 610.010, and any political subdivision of this state or any other state may join this entity and use public funds to pay any necessary assessments. Except for being subject to the regulation of the director of the department of commerce and insurance under sections 375.930 to 375.948, sections 375.1000 to 375.1018, and sections 537.600 to 537.650, any such business entity shall not be deemed to be an insurance company or insurer under the laws of this state, and the coverage provided by such entity and the administration of such entity shall not be deemed to constitute the transaction of an insurance business. Risk coverages procured under this section shall not be deemed to constitute a contract, purchase, or expenditure of public funds for which a public governmental body, quasi-public governmental body, or political subdivision is required to solicit competitive bids."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.