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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sale of used fire-fighting equipment to certain volunteer fire departments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 352, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 352.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 352.006. SALE OF USED FIRE PROTECTION OR FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT TO CERTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS. (a) In this section, "volunteer fire department" means an association that:

(1) operates fire-fighting equipment;

(2) is organized primarily to provide and actively provides fire-fighting services;

(3) does not pay its members compensation other than nominal compensation; and

(4) does not distribute any of its income to its members, officers, or governing body, other than for reimbursement of expenses.

(b) Notwithstanding Subchapter D, Chapter 263, or other law, the commissioners court of a county may sell used fire-fighting equipment, excluding equipment described in Sections 419.040 and 419.041, Government Code, to a volunteer fire department for eight percent of the original purchase value of the equipment if:

(1) the fire protection or fire-fighting equipment is

1 at least 15 years old and met the National Fire Protection
2 Association standards at the original time of purchase; and
3 (2) the volunteer fire department provides fire
4 protection to an area within the county.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.