

1-1 By: Keffer of Eastland, et al. H.B. No. 1655  
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Averitt)  
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 16, 2005;  
1-4 May 17, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;  
1-5 May 21, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,  
1-6 Nays 0; May 21, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to funding for the Texas statewide emergency services  
1-10 personnel retirement fund.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Chapter 221, Insurance Code, as effective April  
1-13 1, 2005, is amended by adding Section 221.008 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 221.008. USE OF CERTAIN TAX. (a) Of the tax collected  
1-15 under this chapter and attributable to gross premiums for fire  
1-16 insurance and allied lines:

1-17 (1) the amount of \$6.7 million shall be deposited to  
1-18 the credit of the Texas statewide emergency services personnel  
1-19 retirement trust fund on or before March 15, 2006; and

1-20 (2) the amount of \$6.7 million shall be deposited to  
1-21 the credit of the Texas statewide emergency services personnel  
1-22 retirement trust fund on or before March 15, 2007.

1-23 (b) This section expires December 31, 2007.

1-24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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