1   AN ACT

2 relating to the volunteer fire department self-insurance fund.

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

4   SECTION 1. Sections 5(a) and (c), Article 21.61, Insurance

5 Code, are amended to read as follows:

6   (a) The volunteer fire department self-insurance fund is an

7 account in a depository selected by the board of regents of The

8 Texas A&M University System in the manner provided by Section

9 51.003, Education Code, for funds subject to the control of

10 institutions of higher education under Section 51.002, Education

11 Code [the general revenue fund].

12   (c) Money in the fund may be expended [in accordance with

13 legislative appropriation] only for:

14   (1) administration of this article, including the

15 salaries and expenses of staff for the program and the fund; or

16   (2) funding self-insurance under the program.

17   SECTION 2. The following are validated and confirmed in all

18 respects:

19   (1) the maintenance of the volunteer fire department

20 self-insurance fund established under Article 21.61, Insurance

21 Code, in a depository as otherwise allowed by law for funds subject

22 to the control of The Texas A&M University System or the Texas

23 Forest Service; and

24   (2) any act of The Texas A&M University System or the

1 Texas Forest Service relating to maintaining those funds in a

2 depository described by Subdivision (1) of this section.

3   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

7 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

     I certify that H.B. No. 2171 was passed by the House on April 14, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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                                              Chief Clerk of the House

     I certify that H.B. No. 2171 was passed by the Senate on May 12, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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                                            Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
                    Date

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         Governor