

1-1 By: Cook of Colorado (Senate Sponsor - Armbrister) H.B. No. 2171  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2005;  
1-3 April 19, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Business and Commerce; May 5, 2005, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 5, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the volunteer fire department self-insurance fund.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Sections 5(a) and (c), Article 21.61, Insurance  
1-11 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-12 (a) The volunteer fire department self-insurance fund is an  
1-13 account in a depository selected by the board of regents of The  
1-14 Texas A&M University System in the manner provided by Section  
1-15 51.003, Education Code, for funds subject to the control of  
1-16 institutions of higher education under Section 51.002, Education  
1-17 Code [the general revenue fund].

1-18 (c) Money in the fund may be expended [~~in accordance with~~  
1-19 ~~legislative appropriation~~] only for:

1-20 (1) administration of this article, including the  
1-21 salaries and expenses of staff for the program and the fund; or  
1-22 (2) funding self-insurance under the program.

1-23 SECTION 2. The following are validated and confirmed in all  
1-24 respects:

1-25 (1) the maintenance of the volunteer fire department  
1-26 self-insurance fund established under Article 21.61, Insurance  
1-27 Code, in a depository as otherwise allowed by law for funds subject  
1-28 to the control of The Texas A&M University System or the Texas  
1-29 Forest Service; and

1-30 (2) any act of The Texas A&M University System or the  
1-31 Texas Forest Service relating to maintaining those funds in a  
1-32 depository described by Subdivision (1) of this section.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-34 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-35 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-36 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-37 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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