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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a fire department listing by the Texas Forest Service.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 614, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. FIRE DEPARTMENT LISTING

Sec. 614.151. PURPOSES OF SUBCHAPTER. The purposes of this subchapter are to:

(1) develop a complete list of fire departments and firefighting resources within this state;

(2) prepare for the prompt and efficient response to a disaster or incident of catastrophic proportions; and

(3) provide support to the statewide mutual aid program for fire emergencies as provided by Section 418.110.

Sec. 614.152. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Fire department" means an entity that provides fire protection to an area within the state that has 9-1-1 service as determined by the Commission on State Emergency Communications.

(2) "Service" means the Texas Forest Service of The Texas A&M University System.

(3) "State fire agency" means the:

(A) firefighters' pension commissioner;

(B) Office of Rural Community Affairs;

- 1           (C) service;
- 2           (D) Texas Commission on Fire Protection;
- 3           (E) Texas Engineering Extension Service of The
- 4 Texas A&M University System; and
- 5           (F) Texas State Fire Marshal's Office of the
- 6 Texas Department of Insurance.

7           (4) "State fire association" means the:

- 8           (A) State Firemen's and Fire Marshals'
- 9 Association of Texas;
- 10          (B) Texas Fire Chiefs Association;
- 11          (C) Texas Fire Marshals Association;
- 12          (D) Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency
- 13 Districts; and
- 14          (E) Texas State Association of Fire Fighters.

15          Sec. 614.153. ADMINISTRATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT LISTING.

16          The service shall:

- 17           (1) establish and maintain a listing of fire
- 18 departments located in this state that is accessible to each state
- 19 fire agency to assist the agency in carrying out its
- 20 responsibilities; and
- 21           (2) prescribe procedures necessary to implement this
- 22 subchapter.

23          Sec. 614.154. LISTING REQUIRED. (a) Each fire department

24 in this state must be listed with the service. Each fire department

25 shall provide to the service information described by Section

26 614.155 in a manner prescribed by the service.

27          (b) State fire agencies and state fire associations shall

1 coordinate and cooperate with the service in the development of the  
2 listing.

3 Sec. 614.155. LISTING COMPONENTS. The listing must contain  
4 for each fire department in this state:

5 (1) the name of the fire department;

6 (2) the physical address of the fire department;

7 (3) the mailing address of the fire department;

8 (4) the number of firefighters and any other personnel  
9 affiliated with the fire department whose duties involve responding  
10 to an emergency incident; and

11 (5) an itemized list, using National Incident  
12 Management System guidelines, of all firefighting equipment used by  
13 the fire department for fire protection purposes.

14 Sec. 614.156. RENEWAL OF LISTING. The service shall renew a  
15 fire department's listing annually.

16 SECTION 2. The Texas Forest Service of The Texas A&M  
17 University System shall establish the listing required by  
18 Subchapter H, Chapter 614, Government Code, as added by this Act,  
19 not later than January 1, 2008.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.