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

(4) "State fire association" means the:

(A) State Firemen's and Fire Marshals'
Association of Texas;
(B) Texas Fire Chiefs Association;
(C) Texas Fire Marshals Association;
(D) Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency
Districts; and
(E) Texas State Association of Fire Fighters.

Sec. 614.153. ADMINISTRATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT LISTING.
The service shall:

(1) establish and maintain a listing of fire
departments located in this state that is accessible to each state
fire agency to assist the agency in carrying out its
responsibilities; and

(2) prescribe procedures necessary to implement this
subchapter.

Sec. 614.154. LISTING REQUIRED. (a) Each fire department
in this state must be listed with the service. Each fire department
shall provide to the service information described by Section
614.155 in a manner prescribed by the service.

(b) State fire agencies and state fire associations shall
coordinate and cooperate with the service in the development of the
listing.

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

(1) the name of the fire department;
(2) the physical address of the fire department;
(3) the mailing address of the fire department;
(4) the number of firefighters and any other personnel
affiliated with the fire department whose duties involve responding
to an emergency incident; and
(5) an itemized list, using National Incident
Management System guidelines, of all firefighting equipment used by
the fire department for fire protection purposes.

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

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.
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President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1915 was passed by the House on May 10, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1915 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: __________________

Date

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Governor