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1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2007;
1-3 May 15, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the creation of a fire department listing by the Texas
1-9 Forest Service.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Chapter 614, Government Code, is amended by
1-12 adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

1-13 SUBCHAPTER H. FIRE DEPARTMENT LISTING

1-14 Sec. 614.151. PURPOSES OF SUBCHAPTER. The purposes of this
1-15 subchapter are to:

1-16 (1) develop a complete list of fire departments and
1-17 firefighting resources within this state;

1-18 (2) prepare for the prompt and efficient response to a
1-19 disaster or incident of catastrophic proportions; and

1-20 (3) provide support to the statewide mutual aid
1-21 program for fire emergencies as provided by Section 418.110.

1-22 Sec. 614.152. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-23 (1) "Fire department" means an entity that provides
1-24 fire protection to an area within the state that has 9-1-1 service
1-25 as determined by the Commission on State Emergency Communications.

1-26 (2) "Service" means the Texas Forest Service of The
1-27 Texas A&M University System.

1-28 (3) "State fire agency" means the:

1-29 (A) firefighters' pension commissioner;

1-30 (B) Office of Rural Community Affairs;

1-31 (C) service;

1-32 (D) Texas Commission on Fire Protection;

1-33 (E) Texas Engineering Extension Service of The
1-34 Texas A&M University System; and

1-35 (F) Texas State Fire Marshal's Office of the
1-36 Texas Department of Insurance.

1-37 (4) "State fire association" means the:

1-38 (A) State Firemen's and Fire Marshals'
1-39 Association of Texas;

1-40 (B) Texas Fire Chiefs Association;

1-41 (C) Texas Fire Marshals Association;

1-42 (D) Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency
1-43 Districts; and

1-44 (E) Texas State Association of Fire Fighters.

1-45 Sec. 614.153. ADMINISTRATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT LISTING.

1-46 The service shall:

1-47 (1) establish and maintain a listing of fire
1-48 departments located in this state that is accessible to each state
1-49 fire agency to assist the agency in carrying out its
1-50 responsibilities; and

1-51 (2) prescribe procedures necessary to implement this
1-52 subchapter.

1-53 Sec. 614.154. LISTING REQUIRED. (a) Each fire department
1-54 in this state must be listed with the service. Each fire department
1-55 shall provide to the service information described by Section
1-56 614.155 in a manner prescribed by the service.

1-57 (b) State fire agencies and state fire associations shall
1-58 coordinate and cooperate with the service in the development of the
1-59 listing.

1-60 Sec. 614.155. LISTING COMPONENTS. The listing must contain
1-61 for each fire department in this state:

1-62 (1) the name of the fire department;

1-63 (2) the physical address of the fire department;

1-64 (3) the mailing address of the fire department;

2-1 (4) the number of firefighters and any other personnel
2-2 affiliated with the fire department whose duties involve responding
2-3 to an emergency incident; and

2-4 (5) an itemized list, using National Incident
2-5 Management System guidelines, of all firefighting equipment used by
2-6 the fire department for fire protection purposes.

2-7 Sec. 614.156. RENEWAL OF LISTING. The service shall renew a
2-8 fire department's listing annually.

2-9 SECTION 2. The Texas Forest Service of The Texas A&M
2-10 University System shall establish the listing required by
2-11 Subchapter H, Chapter 614, Government Code, as added by this Act,
2-12 not later than January 1, 2008.

2-13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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