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H.B. No. 2667

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to insurance coverage for volunteer firefighters and  
volunteer police force members.

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. INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED FOR VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER POLICE FORCE MEMBERS

Sec. 614.121. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Volunteer fire department" has the meaning  
assigned by Section 614.101.

(2) "Volunteer firefighter" means an individual who:

(A) is a member of a volunteer fire department  
that performs firefighting or firefighting support activities  
under a contract with or at the request of a state agency or  
political subdivision; or

(B) is assigned by a state agency or political  
subdivision to perform, without compensation, firefighting or  
firefighting support activities.

(3) "Volunteer police force member" means:

(A) a person summoned under Section 341.011,  
Local Government Code, to serve on a special police force;

(B) a police reserve force member appointed under  
Section 341.012, Local Government Code; and

1                   (C) any other person assigned by a state agency  
2 or political subdivision to perform, without compensation, any  
3 duties typically performed by a peace officer.

4                   Sec. 614.122. INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED. Each volunteer  
5 firefighter or volunteer police force member must be insured by the  
6 applicable state agency or political subdivision against any injury  
7 suffered by the volunteer firefighter or police force member in the  
8 course and scope of performing the person's assigned duties at the  
9 request of or under a contract with a state agency or political  
10 subdivision.

11                   SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 614, Government Code, as  
12 added by this Act, applies only to a volunteer firefighter or  
13 volunteer police force member performing assigned duties on or  
14 after January 1, 2008.

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