

1-1 By: Latham (Senate Sponsor - Deuell) H.B. No. 2667  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2007;  
1-3 May 15, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 18, 2007, reported favorably, as amended, by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 By: Duncan

1-7 Amend H.B. No. 2667 (House Engrossment Version) in SECTION 2  
1-8 of the bill as follows:

1-9 (1) In added Section 614.122, Government Code (page 1, line  
1-10 48), between the period and "Each", insert "(a)".

1-11 (2) In added Section 614.122, Government Code (page 1, line  
1-12 49), between "insured" and "by", insert "or covered".

1-13 (3) At the end of added Section 614.122, Government Code  
1-14 (page 1, between lines 53 and 54), insert the following:

1-15 (b) The applicable state agency or political subdivision  
1-16 may satisfy the requirements of Subsection (a) by:

1-17 (1) providing insurance coverage; or

1-18 (2) entering into an interlocal agreement with another  
1-19 political subdivision providing for self-insurance.

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to certain insurance-related matters involving rural  
1-23 volunteer firefighters, volunteer police force members, or  
1-24 emergency services districts.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 614.072(b), Government Code, is amended  
1-27 to read as follows:

1-28 (b) The director may adopt rules necessary to assist rural  
1-29 volunteer fire departments in the payment of:

1-30 (1) workers' compensation insurance;

1-31 (2) audit costs for workers' compensation claims in  
1-32 any year in which there is an abnormally high number of wildfires;  
1-33 and

1-34 (3) accidental death and disability insurance.

1-35 SECTION 2. Chapter 614, Government Code, is amended by  
1-36 adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

1-37 SUBCHAPTER H. INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED FOR  
1-38 VOLUNTEER POLICE FORCE MEMBERS

1-39 Sec. 614.121. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "volunteer  
1-40 police force member" means:

1-41 (1) a person summoned under Section 341.011, Local  
1-42 Government Code, to serve on a special police force;

1-43 (2) a police reserve force member appointed under  
1-44 Section 341.012, Local Government Code; and

1-45 (3) any other person assigned by a state agency or  
1-46 political subdivision to perform, without compensation, any duties  
1-47 typically performed by a peace officer.

1-48 Sec. 614.122. INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED. Each volunteer  
1-49 police force member must be insured by the applicable state agency  
1-50 or political subdivision against any injury suffered by the police  
1-51 force member in the course and scope of performing the person's  
1-52 assigned duties at the request of or under a contract with a state  
1-53 agency or political subdivision.

1-54 SECTION 3. Section 775.084(i), Health and Safety Code, is  
1-55 amended to read as follows:

1-56 (i) This section does not apply to:

1-57 (1) the purchase or lease of real property;

1-58 (2) an item or service that the board determines can be  
1-59 obtained from only one source;

1-60 (3) a contract for fire extinguishment and suppression  
1-61 services, emergency rescue services, or ambulance services;

1-62 (4) an emergency expenditure;

- 2-1 (5) the purchase of vehicle fuel; [~~or~~]
- 2-2 (6) the purchase of firefighter bunker gear;
- 2-3 (7) the purchase of insurance coverage; or
- 2-4 (8) repairs funded by a payment made under an
- 2-5 insurance claim.

2-6 SECTION 4. Subchapter H, Chapter 614, Government Code, as  
2-7 added by this Act, applies only to a volunteer police force member  
2-8 performing assigned duties on or after January 1, 2008.

2-9 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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