

By: Simpson

H.B. No. 73

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to appropriating money to the Texas A&M Forest Service to  
3 be used to assist volunteer fire departments during the current  
4 state fiscal biennium.

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

6 SECTION 1. In addition to amounts previously appropriated  
7 for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2013, the amount of  
8 \$33,000,000 is appropriated out of general revenue account number  
9 5064, Volunteer Fire Department Assistance, to the Texas A&M Forest  
10 Service for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2013, for the purpose  
11 of assisting volunteer firefighters in paying for equipment,  
12 personnel training, and administration, and for the purpose of  
13 staffing and operating costs associated with the Statewide Wildfire  
14 Protection Plan.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act has no effect.