

HOUSE BILL NO. 2266

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 287, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the provision of grants for the purpose of funding the workers' compensation premiums of volunteer fire departments.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 287, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 287.245, to read as follows:

287.245. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Association", volunteer fire protection associations as defined in section 320.300;

(2) "Division", the division of workers' compensation of the department of labor and industrial relations;

(3) "Volunteer firefighter", the same meaning as in section 287.243.

2. Any association may apply to the division for a grant for the purpose of funding such association's costs related to workers' compensation insurance premiums for volunteer firefighters.

3. Subject to appropriations, the division shall disburse grants to each applying volunteer fire protection association according to the following schedule:

(1) Associations which had zero to five volunteer firefighters receive workers' compensation benefits from claims arising out of and in the course of the prevention or control of fire or the underwater recovery of drowning victims in the preceding calendar year shall be eligible for two thousand dollars in grant money;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 **(2) Associations which had six to ten volunteer firefighters receive workers'**
17 **compensation benefits from claims arising out of and in the course of the prevention or**
18 **control of fire or the underwater recovery of drowning victims in the preceding calendar**
19 **year shall be eligible for one thousand five hundred dollars in grant money;**

20 **(3) Associations which had eleven to fifteen volunteer firefighters receive workers'**
21 **compensation benefits from claims arising out of and in the course of the prevention or**
22 **control of fire or the underwater recovery of drowning victims in the preceding calendar**
23 **year shall be eligible for one thousand dollars in grant money;**

24 **(4) Associations which had sixteen to twenty volunteer firefighters receive workers'**
25 **compensation benefits from claims arising out of and in the course of the prevention or**
26 **control of fire or the underwater recovery of drowning victims in the preceding calendar**
27 **year shall be eligible for five hundred dollars in grant money.**

28 **4. Grant money disbursed under this section shall only be used for the purpose of**
29 **paying for the workers' compensation insurance premiums of volunteer firefighters.**

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