

HB 2447 with HCA 1 -- FIRE PROTECTION SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Cookson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill authorizes a fire protection district in Ripley County to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax not to exceed 0.5% for the purpose of providing revenues for the operation of the fire protection district.

HCA #1: This amendment deletes the language allowing the Director of the Department of Revenue to authorize the State Treasurer to make refunds from the trust fund because the constitution requires state funds to be held by the State Treasurer and non-state funds to be held by the director and this tax revenue is considered non-state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the fire protection district really needs the revenue stream this bill will provide.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Cookson.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.