

1 AN ACT

2 relating to certain insurance-related matters involving rural
3 volunteer firefighters, volunteer police force members, or
4 emergency services districts.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 614.072(b), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) The director may adopt rules necessary to assist rural
9 volunteer fire departments in the payment of:

10 (1) workers' compensation insurance;

11 (2) audit costs for workers' compensation claims in
12 any year in which there is an abnormally high number of wildfires;
13 and

14 (3) accidental death and disability insurance.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 614, Government Code, is amended by
16 adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

17 SUBCHAPTER H. INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED FOR

18 VOLUNTEER POLICE FORCE MEMBERS

19 Sec. 614.121. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "volunteer
20 police force member" means:

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

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

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

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

10 (b) The applicable state agency or political subdivision
11 may satisfy the requirements of Subsection (a) by:

12 (1) providing insurance coverage; or

13 (2) entering into an interlocal agreement with another
14 political subdivision providing for self-insurance.

15 SECTION 3. Section 775.084(i), Health and Safety Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (i) This section does not apply to:

18 (1) the purchase or lease of real property;

19 (2) an item or service that the board determines can be
20 obtained from only one source;

21 (3) a contract for fire extinguishment and suppression
22 services, emergency rescue services, or ambulance services;

23 (4) an emergency expenditure;

24 (5) the purchase of vehicle fuel; [~~or~~]

25 (6) the purchase of firefighter bunker gear;

26 (7) the purchase of insurance coverage; or

27 (8) repairs funded by a payment made under an

1 insurance claim.

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

5 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jon Caddick

Speaker of the House

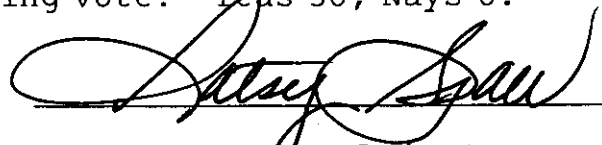
I certify that H.B. No. 2667 was passed by the House on May 11, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 132, Nays 4, 3 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2667 on May 25, 2007, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2667 on May 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Honey

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 2667

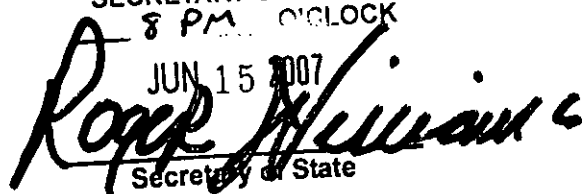
I certify that H.B. No. 2667 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2667 on May 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.


Secretary of the Senate

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