
DIGEST

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Abstract: Dedicates \$1.7 million of the fees collected from businesses which insure property against loss or damage by fire to the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry for forest firefighting programs within the department.

Present law provides for the collection of a 2% tax on the amount of premiums received from any business that insures property against loss or damage by fire, as well as certain penalties on such insurers.

Present law creates the Two Percent Fire Insurance Fund and deposits the collections related to insurers of property against loss or damage by fire into the fund. Monies in the fund are dedicated as follows:

- (1) The state fire marshal to purchase group insurance for volunteer firefighters.
- (2) The Fire and Emergency Training Institute at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, including allocations to the Pine Country Education Center and Delgado Community College, for firefighter training.
- (3) Distributions to each parish governing authority according to a formula provided for in present law.

Proposed law retains present law and adds as an additional dedication of the fund, \$1.7 million to the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry for forest firefighting programs within the department.

(Amend R.S. 22:347(B)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 22:347(A)(5))