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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 613

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Small Business, Insurance and Industry, March 31, 2016, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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) "State fire marshal", the state fire marshal selected under the provisions of sections 320.200 to 320.270;

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

2. Any association may apply to the state fire marshal 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 state fire marshal 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;

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

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

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

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

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