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Senator Kurt Schaefer Announces Signing Of House Bill 2070 by Governor

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Senator Kurt Schaefer is pleased to announce the recent signing of <u>House Bill 2070</u>.

The bill allows state fire and emergency services boards the use of property taxes to purchase equipment, as well as provide various services. Previously, the taxes could only be used for dispatching services.

"This will help fire and emergency services with badly-needed updates of their equipment," Sen. Schaefer said. "This bill will result in improved emergency services for our citizens."

The bill also contains a provision that results in a tax cut on food sales in St. Louis County. Last November, voters in the county approved an emergency services retail sales tax to be implemented in April 2010. House Bill 2070 excludes food sales from that tax.

Please contact Sen. Schaefer's office if you have questions or concerns about this or any other facet of the Missouri Legislature.