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## 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.

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*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  
2 section, to be known as section 287.245, to read as follows:

**287.245. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall  
2 mean:**

3 **(1) "Association", volunteer fire protection associations as  
4 defined in section 320.300;**

5 **(2) "Division", the division of workers' compensation of the  
6 department of labor and industrial relations;**

7 **(3) "Volunteer firefighter", the same meaning as in section  
8 287.243.**

9 **2. Any association may apply to the division for a grant for the  
10 purpose of funding such association's costs related to workers'  
11 compensation insurance premiums for volunteer firefighters.**

12 **3. Subject to appropriations, the division shall disburse grants  
13 to each applying volunteer fire protection association according to the  
14 following schedule:**

15 **(1) Associations which had zero to five volunteer firefighters  
16 receive workers' compensation benefits from claims arising out of and  
17 in the course of the prevention or control of fire or the underwater  
18 recovery of drowning victims in the preceding calendar year shall be  
19 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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