

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 3, 2000

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1971

Introduced by Assembly Member Dickerson

February 18, 2000

An act to add Sections 50928 and 50929 to the Government Code, relating to fire protection, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1971, as amended, Dickerson. Volunteer firefighters: reimbursement for firefighting activities.

Existing law requires that volunteer firefighters receive workers' compensation benefits and authorizes the purchase of disability, life, health, or similar insurance coverage for volunteer firefighters.

This bill would require that *all* volunteer fire departments *and those fire departments consisting of a combination of volunteer, partly paid, or fully paid members* receive 100% reimbursement for responding to calls on state roads and highways and for state-mandated training from the Department of Transportation and the State Fire Marshal, respectively. The bill would require that ~~volunteer~~ *the* fire departments be reimbursed within 60 days upon receipt of a claim.

The bill would appropriate annually unspecified amounts from the State Highway Account in the State Transportation

Fund and the State Fire Marshal Licensing and Certification Fund for these purposes.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 50928 is added to the
2 Government Code, to read:

3 50928. (a) ~~A volunteer fire department~~ *All volunteer*
4 *fire departments and those fire departments consisting of*
5 *a combination of volunteer, partly paid, or fully paid*
6 *members* shall receive 100 percent reimbursement for
7 the department's actual costs for responding to calls on
8 state roads and highways from funds in the State Highway
9 Account in the State Transportation Fund that are not
10 subject to Article XIX of the California Constitution.
11 ~~Volunteer~~ *The* fire departments shall submit claims
12 directly to the Department of Transportation on forms
13 provided by the program and all claims shall be
14 reimbursed within 60 days upon receipt of the claim.

15 (b) The sum of _____ (_____) is hereby
16 appropriated annually from the State Highway Account
17 in the State Transportation Fund for the purposes
18 specified in subdivision (a).

19 SEC. 2. Section 50929 is added to the Government
20 Code, to read:

21 50929. (a) All volunteer fire departments *and those*
22 *consisting of a combination of volunteer, partly paid, or*
23 *fully paid members* shall receive 100 percent
24 reimbursement for actual costs for state-mandated
25 training from funds in the State Fire Marshal Licensing
26 and Certification Fund, if either of the following applies:

27 (1) The state-mandated training facility is more than
28 50 miles from the jurisdictional boundaries of the
29 ~~volunteer~~ fire department.

30 (2) The state-mandated training is only offered on
31 weekdays.



1 (b) The claim for reimbursement shall be submitted
2 directly to the State Fire Marshal and shall be paid within
3 60 days upon receipt of the claim.

4 (c) The sum of _____ (_____) is hereby
5 appropriated annually from the State Fire Marshal
6 Licensing and Certification Fund for the purposes
7 specified in subdivision (a).

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