

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1191

By: Representative Hammer

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL METHODS FOR COLLECTING DELINQUENT RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT DUES AND FEES; TO *ALLOW* THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS TO *ASSESS A PENALTY TO BENEFIT CERTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENTS*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

*TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL METHODS FOR COLLECTING DELINQUENT FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES AND DUES; AND TO ALLOW THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS TO ASSESS A PENALTY TO BENEFIT CERTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENTS.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 37, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

*26-37-110. Additional penalty – Grant program.*

*(a) In addition to any other fees and penalties allowed under this chapter, the Commissioner of State Lands may assess a penalty of the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the total sale or redemption price for any property forfeited to the state for delinquent taxes or fifty dollars (\$50.00).*

*(b) The purchaser or redeemer of the property shall be responsible for paying any penalty assessed under this section.*

*(c)(1) The Commissioner of State Lands shall use the funds collected under this section exclusively for the purposes stated in subdivision (c)(2)*



of this section.

(2)(A) The Commissioner of State Lands, in cooperation with the Department of Rural Services, shall use the funds collected under this section to establish and administer by rule a grant program that shall be used to provide financial assistance to fire departments to be used exclusively for the purpose of lowering the fire department's Public Protection Classification rating as determined by Insurance Services Office, Inc.

(B) A fire department receiving a grant under this section may use the funds to retain personnel to process the documentation required by Insurance Services Office, Inc., to lower the fire department's Public Protection Classification rating.

(3) The rules promulgated under this section are subject to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

(d) This section shall expire on June 30, 2019.

/s/Hammer