

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 339

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1510, relative to volunteer firefighters; to allow for the use  
3 of public funds for certain activities; to create a length of service program; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1510 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1510. Expenditure of public funds for awards, recognition and meals

8 A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a fire protection  
9 district, municipal fire department, or volunteer fire department may expend public  
10 funds in connection with the following activities:

11 (1) The purchase of a plaque, trophy, certificate, medal, or similar memento  
12 to acknowledge outstanding achievement or valiant act of personnel not to exceed  
13 one hundred dollars.

14 (2) Meals, snacks, or refreshments for firefighters involved in fire  
15 department related meetings, workshops, training programs, or performing of  
16 emergency services not to exceed twenty-five dollars per person.

17 (3) The implementation and execution of a length of service awards  
18 program. For the purposes of this Paragraph, a length of service awards program  
19 shall mean a program established by the fire protection district, municipal fire  
20 department, or volunteer fire department that provides a monetary benefit, based  
21 upon service, to eligible volunteer firefighters as determined by the fire protection  
22 district, municipal fire department, or volunteer fire department. The length of

1            service awards program shall not be considered a vested right nor entitle the recipient  
 2            to any other benefit not directly related to the program's monetary benefit. The  
 3            length of service award shall not be considered permanent and may be discontinued  
 4            at any time.

5            ~~(3)~~B. The provisions of this Section shall not be construed to prohibit or  
 6            restrict the use of public funds to pay or defray the reasonable expenses of travel and  
 7            lodging required for attendance at any conference or convention for the purpose of  
 8            educating or training fire department personnel with regard to their public duties and  
 9            responsibilities.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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