

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1477

By: Adair and Rhodes (Dusty)
of the House

and

Shurden of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to rural fire departments; amending
18 O.S. 1991, Section 593, which relates to service
fees for rural fire departments; clarifying use of
certain services; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 18 O.S. 1991, Section 593, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 593. A. Any charitable corporation formed for the
purpose of providing either a volunteer or a full-time fire
department, pursuant to Section 592 of this title, shall have
authority to establish a reasonable schedule of fees to be charged
for its services in extinguishing fires of its members and
nonmembers who ~~call upon~~ utilize such fire department to extinguish
a fire either within or without the unincorporated area wherein it
is situated. Such schedule of fees may contain one fee for members
and another fee for nonmembers, except that no fee shall be
established in excess of the approximate cost of providing the
service. Any member or nonmember utilizing the services of such a
fire department to extinguish or to aid in extinguishing a fire

shall be liable to said corporation in the amount of the established fee. If it is necessary for suit to be brought for collection of such amount due, such liability shall include costs of suit and a reasonable attorney's fee.

B. If insurance coverage is provided for the fee specified in subsection A of this section or for the cost of providing the service rendered by the fire department and an insurer makes payment for the service it shall be the duty of the insured party or the responding fire department to notify the insurer of services rendered. The instrument of payment for the services of the fire department shall be made to the order of the responding fire department and the insured.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1993.

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