

ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT

TO

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1190

By: Crutchfield and Rabon of
the Senate

and

Benge and Newport of the
House

(Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and
Forestry - appropriation - performance measures -
duties and compensation - limiting salary of
Commissioner - budgetary limitations -
effective date)

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AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill
and insert

"An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of
Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; making
appropriations; stating purposes of appropriations;
providing for transfers to the Rural Fire Revolving
Fund; creating the Rural Fire Equipment Grant
Revolving Fund; specifying procedures related to the
fund; providing for transfer of monies to the Rural
Fire Equipment Grant Revolving Fund; and declaring
an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma
Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry from any monies not

otherwise appropriated from the Special Cash Fund of the State Treasury, the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for transfer to the Rural Fire Revolving Fund, to reimburse rural firefighting departments for qualified expenditures approved by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry. These expenditures must be associated with wildfire suppression efforts related to drought-related fires and fire control. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall establish suitable criteria and limits for each grant administered for these purposes.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry from the Special Cash Fund of the State Treasury, the sum of One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) for transfer to the Rural Fire Revolving Fund, to be used for the purpose of meeting expenditures associated with wildfire suppression efforts related to drought-related fires and fire control. These funds shall also be used for matching costs associated with the operation of the Incidental Command Posts associated with wildfire suppression efforts related to drought-related fires and fire control.

SECTION 3. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to be designated the "Rural Fire Equipment Grant Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and designated for deposit thereto. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry for the purpose of purchasing and repairing equipment used by rural fire departments for firefighting efforts. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall work with the

Rural Fire Coordinators to establish suitable criteria for application and approval of grants awarded to rural fire departments from said fund. Priority of grants awarded from said fund shall be given to rural fire departments which suffered damaged equipment from wildfire suppression efforts related to drought-related fires and fire control. The activities associated with the duties of said fund shall be known as the "Rural Fire Equipment Grant Program". Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated to the Rural Fire Revolving Fund from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the Special Cash Fund of the State Treasury, the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of administering the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to administer the Rural Fire Equipment Grant Program and for the payment of a Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000.00) death benefit for volunteer fire fighters that die in the performance of their duties as a volunteer fire fighter.

SECTION 5. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry from the Special Cash Fund of the State Treasury, the sum of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) for transfer to the Rural Fire Revolving Fund, to be used for the purpose of distributing operational grants to the rural fire departments. It is the intent of the Legislature that funding in this section will provide for the expeditious and immediate appropriation and granting of rural fire operational grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval."

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2006.

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