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February 22, 2023

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[Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry - Wildfire Reimbursement Revolving Fund - appropriation - codification - noncodification - effective date - emergency]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 16-14 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to be designated the "Wildfire Reimbursement Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies designated to the fund by law. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry for the purpose of reimbursement of expenditures of Oklahoma fire departments who participated in extinguishment efforts of fires that:

1 1. Were not fully extinguished in the twenty-four (24) hours
2 after their reporting; and

3 2. Involved more than one fire department jurisdiction.

4 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
5 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
6 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
7 approval and payment.

8 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
9 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

10 There is hereby appropriated to the Wildfire Reimbursement
11 Revolving Fund created in Section 1 of this act from any monies not
12 otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State
13 Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the sum of Five
14 Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be
15 necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Department
16 of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry by law.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

18 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
19 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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