

Amend CSSB 1 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES and SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION FEES

SECTION _____.01. Section 419.026(d), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The commission shall send the fees authorized by Subsection (a) and Section 419.033(b) to the comptroller. The comptroller [~~who~~] shall deposit a portion ~~[50 percent]~~ of the fees collected ~~[annually]~~ into ~~[the general revenue fund and 50 percent of the fees collected annually into]~~ a special account in the general revenue fund dedicated for use by the commission. In any state fiscal biennium, the comptroller may not deposit into the account fees in an amount that exceeds the amount appropriated to the commission for that biennium, less any other amount appropriated to the commission from a source other than the fees. The account is exempt from the application of Section 403.095. The comptroller shall deposit the remainder of the fees in the general revenue fund. [Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, 50 percent of the special fund created under this subsection may be used only to defray the commission's costs in performing inspections under Section 419.027 and the other 50 percent may be used only to provide training assistance under Section 419.031.]

SECTION _____.02. The dedication of certain fees to a special account in the general revenue fund dedicated for use by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection under Section 419.026(d), Government Code, was abolished effective August 31, 1995, under former Section 403.094(h), Government Code, as enacted by Section 11.04, Chapter 4 (SB 3), Acts of the 72nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1991. Those fees are rededicated to that fund by this article.

SECTION _____.03. This article takes effect immediately if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for this article to have immediate effect, this article takes effect

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