



March 19, 1999

**ENGROSSED  
HOUSE BILL No. 1384**

DIGEST OF HB1384 (Updated March 16, 1999 11:42 am - DI 71)

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-8; IC 14-23.

**Synopsis:** Indiana rural fire protection initiative. Establishes the Indiana rural fire protection initiative (INRFPI) to provide assistance to rural fire departments and complement grant programs established by the United States government for assisting rural fire departments. Provides for administration of the program by the department of natural resources.

**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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Oxley, Duncan**

(SENATE SPONSORS — WHEELER, LEWIS)

January 12, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development.

January 21, 1999, reported — Do Pass.

January 25, 1999, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

January 26, 1999, read third time, passed. Yeas 96, nays 0.

**SENATE ACTION**

February 22, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Safety.

March 18, 1999, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 14-8-2-216 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 216. (a) "Program", for  
3 purposes of IC 14-12-3, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-12-3-4.  
4 (b) **"Program", for purposes of IC 14-23-6.5, has the meaning**  
5 **set forth in IC 14-23-6.5-1.**  
6 SECTION 2. IC 14-8-2-245.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
7 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 245.3. "Rural community", for**  
9 **purposes of IC 14-23-6.5, has the meaning set forth in**  
10 **IC 14-23-6.5-2.**  
11 SECTION 3. IC 14-8-2-245.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
12 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 245.5. "Rural fire department",**  
14 **for purposes of IC 14-23-6.5, has the meaning set forth in**  
15 **IC 14-23-6.5-3.**  
16 SECTION 4. IC 14-23-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE

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1 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 1999]:  
3 **Chapter 6.5. Indiana Rural Fire Protection Initiative (INRFPI)**  
4 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the Indiana**  
5 **rural fire protection initiative established in section 4 of this**  
6 **chapter.**  
7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "rural community" means a city,**  
8 **town, village, or community having a population of ten thousand**  
9 **(10,000) or less.**  
10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "rural fire department" means**  
11 **a recognized organization providing primary fire protection to a**  
12 **rural area or rural community.**  
13 **Sec. 4. The Indiana rural fire protection initiative is established.**  
14 **Sec. 5. The program must include the following components:**  
15 (1) **Financial assistance to rural fire departments for**  
16 **organizing, training, and equipment.**  
17 (2) **Financial assistance to enable rural fire departments to**  
18 **continue to provide fire protection service.**  
19 (3) **Assistance to rural fire departments in meeting safety and**  
20 **administrative requirements placed on these departments by**  
21 **Indiana and United States governments.**  
22 **Sec. 6. The program must complement grant programs**  
23 **established by the United States government for the program.**  
24 **Sec. 7. The department shall do the following:**  
25 (1) **Administer the program.**  
26 (2) **Administer grants provided by the United States**  
27 **government for the program.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development, to which was referred House Bill 1384, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

BISCHOFF, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 14, nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred House Bill No. 1384, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to House Bill 1384 as printed January 22, 1999.)

WYSS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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