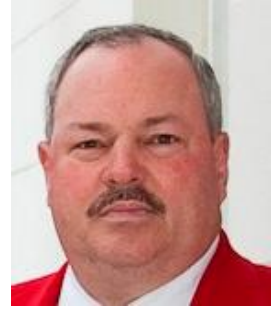




Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments



AAVFD 2012 LEGISLATION Chauncey D. Wood III – AAVFD President

HB1/SB9 - WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE- Rep. Richard Laird – Senator Gerald Dial- Would require the Commissioner of Insurance to regulate the maximum annual payroll per fire fighter or rescue squad member for the purpose of setting workers' compensation rates for volunteer fire departments of rescue squads, or combination departments. **History- Passed in the House-failed in the Senate. Prefiled for February 2013 Legislative Session.**

HB5 - STATE FIREFIGHTER DEATH BENEFIT EXPANDING- Rep. Mike Jones- Provide death and disability benefits due to certain occupational diseases for firefighters employed by the state; and to provide that the state must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the condition was caused by some means other than the occupation disqualify the fire firefighter from benefits. **EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2012 HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 2, 2012. Act # 2012-559**

HB11 – HEALTH INSURANCE FOR LODD SURVIVING SPOUSE/DEPENDENTS- Rep. Kurt Wallace- Would allow surviving spouse or dependants to continue to be covered by the SEHIB plan and the cost would be paid from the State Treasury. **EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2012 HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 22, 2012. Act # 2012-498**

HB89 – STATEWIDE E-911 BOARD- Rep. Mike Millican- Would replace existing Commercial Mobile Radio Service Board, provide for establishing and collecting a single statewide emergency telephone service charge replacing all existing charges, and provide for the distribution of funds to local communications districts and commercial mobile radio service providers. **EFFECTIVE: Sections 11-98-4.1, 11-98-5.2, 11-98-13.1, 11-98-14, and 11-98-15, Code of Alabama 1975, shall become effective immediately, May 8, 2012; following the passage and approval of this act by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law. Section 11-98-5.3, Code of Alabama 1975, shall become effective on the first day of the fourth month, September 1, 2012; following the passage and approval of this act by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law. The remaining provisions of this act shall become effective October 1, 2013. HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 8, 2012. Act # 2012-293**

HB185 - TAX EXEMPTION- Rep. Richard Laird- Provide sales tax exemption AAVFD and County Volunteer Fire Associations, AL Association of Rescue Squads, County Rescue Squads and Fire Districts that do not come under the auspices of their County Commission. **EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2012 HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 22, 2012. Act # 2012-544**

HB186/SB326 - PROVIDE FOR AL FORESTRY COMMISSION LOANED EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS- Rep. Richard Laird- Amend Section 9-3-18 to allow a fire department to dispose of state-owned property obtained through the AL Forestry Commission in any manner it chooses. **EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2012 HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 23, 2012. Act # 2012-555**

HB187 – RESCUE SQUAD- Rep. Richard Laird- Allow minimum voluntary \$2 income tax contribution by check off on annual income tax returns. **EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2012 HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 22, 2012. Act # 2012-543**

HB233 – ALABAMA FORESTRY COMMISSION- Rep. Chad Fincher Amend Section 9-3-9, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for criminal penalties for violation of certain rules pertaining to conduct of persons on land designated as a state forest. **HISTORY- Passed in the House/ Senate, carried over to call of the chair- Failed last day, May 16, 2012.**

HB275 - AL FIREFIGHTERS ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND- Rep. Richard Laird- Constitutional amendment to levy additional one-half mill annual state ad valorem tax to be distributed evenly between AL Firefighters Annuity Fund and AL Peace Offices Annuity Fund. **HISTORY- Passed House Ways & Means General Fund- Failed in the House. Prefiled for February 2013 Legislative Session.**

HB318 – ALABAMA FORESTRY COMMISSION: Rep. Charles Newton- Would specify that the removal of timber or forest products by deception would be unlawful punished by a Class A misdemeanor. **EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2012 HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 15, 2012, Act # 2012-428**

HB366 – LINE OF DUTY DISEASES- Rep. Allen Treadway- Would authorize blood and saliva testing of any person who exposes a law enforcement officer, firefighter, first responder, or corrections officer to a contagious, infectious, and communicable disease during the course and scope of the law enforcement officer's official duties. **HISTORY- Passed in the House- Favorable from Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee on May 9, 2012- Failed to come up on last day, May 16, 2012.**

HB316/SB336 – SPRINKLER SYSTEM PERMITS- Rep. Randy Wood- Senator Bryan Taylor- Allow State Fire Marshal to issue permits to certified potable water single family dwelling fire protection sprinkler contractors. **HISTORY- Passed in the Senate; on Special Order Calendar in the House 3 times, failed to come up on the House Special Order Calendar on the last day, May 16, 2012. Prefiled for February 2013 Legislative Session**

HB334/SB134 - ESTABLISH ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE INDEPENDENT STATUS: Rep. John Merrill- Sen. Gerald Allen- Clarify that the Fire College is an independent institution of postsecondary education under the Personnel Standards Commission. Also provides for representation of AAVFD and AL Association of Fire Chiefs on the Commission. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY APRIL 17, 2012. HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on April 17, 2012.**

AAVFD LOCAL LEGISLATION

Pike County- HB624- Rep Alan Boothe- Pike Co., Ad Valorem tax, county commission authorized to levy additional outside corporate limits of Troy and Brundidge distribution, referendum for volunteer fire departments. HISTORY- Passed in the House, Failed in the Senate.

AAVFD SUPPORTED LEGISLATION

SB443- Sen. Roger Bedford- To require recreational trailers be constructed in compliance with American National Standards Inst., approved by State Fire Marshall. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY May 23, 2012. History- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 23, 2012. Act # 2012-566**

HB436- Rep. Bill Poole- To exempt certain items from the State sales tax during 07/12 & the last full weekend in February. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY- APRIL 26, 2012. HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on April 26, 2012. Act # 2012-256**

SB136- Sen. Paul Bussman- To exclude certain prefabricated storm shelters from the provisions of Title 24 Code of AL 1975. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY- APRIL 24, 2012. HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on April 26, 2012. Act # 2012-224**

SB208- Sen. Arthur Orr- Controlled substances, Schedule I, cathinone compounds, synthetic cannabinoid, controlled analog substances, included and subject to regulation and penalties, penalties for trafficking in controlled analog substances, Sec. 13A-12-214.1, 13A-12-231, 20-2-23, am'd (2012-20047). **EFFECTIVE MAY 10, 2012- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on April 30, 2012. Act# 2012-267**