

1 HB297  
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3 By Representative South  
4 RFD: Ways and Means General Fund  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, \$180,000 is appropriated  
9 automatically from the state General Fund to the  
10 Emergency Forest Fire, Insect and Disease Fund at  
11 the beginning of each fiscal year. Also under  
12 existing law, this emergency fund can not exceed a  
13 total accumulated amount of \$1,000,000.

14 This bill would increase the automatic  
15 appropriated amount from the General Fund provided  
16 to the Emergency Forest Fire, Insect and Disease  
17 Fund at the beginning of each fiscal year to  
18 \$250,000 annually and would also increase the  
19 maximum accumulated amount in the fund to  
20 \$2,000,000.

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22 A BILL  
23 TO BE ENTITLED  
24 AN ACT

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26 To amend Section 9-3-10.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to  
27 increase the automatic appropriated amount to the Emergency

1 Forest Fire, Insect and Disease Fund from the General Fund;  
2 and to increase the cap of the maximum accumulated amount of  
3 the fund.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. Section 9-3-10.1, Code of Alabama 1975,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 "§9-3-10.1.

8 "(a) There is hereby established an Emergency Forest  
9 Fire, Insect and Disease Fund into which there is  
10 automatically appropriated ~~\$180,000.00~~ two hundred fifty  
11 thousand dollars (\$250,000) annually at the beginning of each  
12 state fiscal year. The state Comptroller shall transfer ~~said~~  
13 moneys from the General Fund to ~~such~~ the emergency fund  
14 annually at the beginning of each state fiscal year. ~~Said~~ The  
15 emergency fund shall not exceed a total accumulated amount of  
16 ~~\$1,000,000.00~~ two million dollars (\$2,000,000). The moneys in  
17 ~~said~~ the fund may be expended from time to time to meet  
18 emergency forest fire, insect and disease needs as deemed  
19 necessary by the State Forester and Governor. The moneys  
20 expended from ~~said~~ the fund for ~~such~~ the emergency needs shall  
21 be automatically replenished and are hereby appropriated from  
22 the General Fund annually to the extent of ~~\$180,000.00~~ two  
23 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) per year at the  
24 beginning of each state fiscal year until the ~~said~~  
25 ~~\$1,000,000.00~~ two million dollars (\$2,000,000) ceiling is  
26 reached. The state Comptroller shall make the transfer to

1 replenish the funds within a period of one week following the  
2 commencement of each state fiscal year.

3 "(b) The moneys appropriated herein may be expended  
4 for salaries, capital expenditures, or any other category of  
5 expenditures deemed necessary by the State Forester for  
6 emergency forest fire, insect, and disease suppression and  
7 control. ~~This money~~ All moneys appropriated under this section  
8 shall be conditional ~~upon~~ and subject to approval of the  
9 Governor."

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
11 first day of the third month following its passage and  
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.