General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 934

January Session, 2023

LCO No. **3273**

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT REQUIRING PAYMENTS TO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES THAT RESPOND TO CALLS IN STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1   Section 1. Section 7-323v of the general statutes is repealed and the
2   following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3   (a) The State Fire Administrator shall, within available
4   appropriations, pay five hundred dollars to each volunteer fire
5   company for each call to which it responds on (1) a limited access
6   highway, designated pursuant to section 13b-27, (2) the section of the
7   highway known as the Berlin Turnpike, which begins at the end of the
8   existing Wilbur Cross Parkway in the town of Meriden and extends
9   northerly along Route 15 to the beginning of a section of limited access
10   highway in the town of Wethersfield known as South Meadows
11   Expressway, or (3) **[**the section of Route 8 in the town of Beacon Falls
12   which is within the boundaries of the Naugatuck State Forest**]** property
13   within the boundaries of a state park or a state forest.

14   (b) No municipality that provides funds to a volunteer fire company

15 may reduce such funding based on the payments that such company

16 receives, or is anticipated to receive, under subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2023*	7-323v

Statement of Purpose:

To require payments from the State Fire Administrator to volunteer fire companies that respond to calls on the property of state parks or state forests.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]