

House Bill 1233

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local  
2 fire departments generally, so as to expressly authorize the levy and collection of  
3 extraterritorial taxes and fees to support local fire departments; to provide that such powers  
4 are in addition to and supplemental of any other authorizations currently provided by law;  
5 to establish limits on such extraterritorial taxes and fees; to provide for related matters; to  
6 provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 3 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local fire  
10 departments generally, is amended by revising Code Section 25-3-4, relating to authority of  
11 counties, municipalities, or other political subdivisions to enact ordinances, regulations, or  
12 codes, as follows:

13 "25-3-4.

14 (a) The governing body of each county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the  
15 state shall have the power to enact such ordinances, regulations, or fire and life safety codes  
16 as may be necessary to carry out this article.

17 (b) In addition to, and supplemental of, any authorization granted by subsection (a) of this  
18 Code section or other general or local law:

19 (1) The governing body of each county or municipality of the state shall have the power,  
20 both within and without its boundaries, to levy and collect any tax or fee as may be  
21 necessary to carry out this article; and

22 (2) The governing body of each political subdivision of this state shall have the power,  
23 both within and without its boundaries, to levy and collect any fee as may be necessary  
24 to carry out this article;

25 provided, however, that any extraterritorial powers granted by this subsection shall be  
26 limited to territories served by the fire department of such county, municipality, or political  
27 subdivision."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
30 without such approval.

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.