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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE FIRE PROTECTION FUND; EXPANDING ITS USE FOR  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 59A-53-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984,  
Chapter 127, Section 979, as amended) is amended to read:

"59A-53-8. EXPENDITURE OF FIRE PROTECTION FUND MONEY.--  
Any amount distributed from the fire protection fund to an  
incorporated municipality or to a county fire district shall  
be expended only for the maintenance of its fire department;  
the purchase, construction, maintenance, repair and operation  
of its fire stations, including substations; fire apparatus  
and equipment and the financing or refinancing thereof; the  
payment of insurance premiums on fire stations, substations,  
fire apparatus and equipment and insurance premiums for  
injuries or deaths of firefighters as otherwise provided by  
law; and fire department emergency medical services, except  
salaries. Provided, however, that no money shall be expended  
from the fund for any purpose relating to the water supply  
systems of any incorporated municipality or district or for  
the improvement or construction of the systems or for  
purchase, rental, installation or maintenance of fire  
hydrants or for any other appurtenances relating to the  
distribution or use of the water supply system. Funds

1 distributed from the fire protection fund to an incorporated  
2 municipality or a county fire district may also be expended  
3 for the expense of firefighters for attending fire schools  
4 and conventions approved by the marshal."

5 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
6 provisions of this act is July 1, 2011. \_\_\_\_\_

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