

2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1127**AMENDMENT 1127C
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to make an appropriation to support volunteer fire departments.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$1\$5,000,000 to
4 the Department of Public Safety, for the purpose of providing grants to support volunteer fire
5 departments in this state.

6 **Section 2.** The grants resulting from the appropriation provided in section 1 of this Act may
7 only be used for the purpose of purchasing individual firefighter safety equipment—and
8 equipment required to comply with state and federal regulations.

9 **Section 3.** For purposes of this Act, individual safety equipment is limited to any personal
10 protective equipment worn and used by firefighters in the performance of their duties,
11 including helmets, flash hoods, masks, coats, pants, gloves, boots, breathing apparatuses,
12 spare tanks, and other personal gear that may be required by individual volunteer fire
13 departments.

14 **Section 4.** The secretary of the Department of Public Safety shall approve vouchers submitted
15 by the South Dakota Firefighter Association, and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay
16 expenditures authorized by this Act.

17 **Section 5.** For the purposes of this Act, volunteer fire department means any fire department
18 within this state whose membership is comprised of at least seventy percent unpaid and
19 volunteer firefighters.

20 **Section 6.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by
21 January–June 30, ~~2025~~ 2027, shall revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in
22 chapter 4-8.

- 1 **Section 7.** This grant will be administered by the South Dakota Firefighters Association under
- 2 the supervision of the Department of Public Safety.

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