



2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1127

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Representative** Kevin Jensen

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 \$5,000,000 to the
4 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.

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

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

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

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

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