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HOUSE BILL NO. 1047

Introduced by: The Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of the
Department of Agriculture

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize a system for the collection, accounting, and
2 reimbursement of normal and extraordinary structural fire protection efforts resulting from
3 wildfire.

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

5 Section 1. That chapter 41-20 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 The federal government's management of the Black Hills National Forest increasingly
8 threatens the safety of the families that live within the forest-urban interface. Providing greater
9 guidance for the collection, accounting and reimbursement of costs associated with structural
10 fire protection is necessary as these threats continue to escalate. Because of these increased
11 threats, the secretary of agriculture may establish a policy to provide for the protection of homes
12 and other structures during forest fires.

13 Section 2. That § 41-20-3.1 be amended to read as follows:

14 41-20-3.1. The secretary of agriculture may adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26,
15 concerning:



- 1 (1) The establishment of a register of qualified professional foresters for the referral of
2 timber sale assistance requests;
- 3 (2) Provisions for the removal of foresters from the register;
- 4 (3) Provisions for the authorized actions to prevent, suppress and extinguish forest fires
5 and provide aid to other forces involved in such fires;
- 6 (4) Provisions for the reimbursement of aid provided by the department for the
7 suppression of forest fires;
- 8 (5) Provisions for the payment of fire suppression costs from the fire suppression
9 revolving fund;
- 10 (6) Provisions for the purchase and sale of tree seedlings;
- 11 (7) Provisions for the collection, accounting, and reimbursement of normal and
12 extraordinary structural and other fire protection costs resulting from forest fires.