

## CHAPTER 54

### RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

H.F. 301

**AN ACT** establishing a rural fire protection program and limiting the liability of rural water districts and associations in connection with the provision of water for fire protection.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 357A.22A RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM — LIABILITY.

A rural water district or rural water association incorporated under this chapter or chapter 504A shall establish a rural fire protection program which shall include, but is not limited to, providing access to designated soft-hose fill stations, providing annually or more often if necessary updated maps of soft-hose fill stations to all fire departments within the rural water service area, and sponsoring informational meetings for all fire departments and interested parties within the rural water service area for the purpose of reviewing locations of facilities, operational procedures, communication procedures and facilities, and procedures designed to coordinate efforts to enhance rural fire protection.

A rural water district or rural water association incorporated under this chapter or chapter 504A which provides water service to cities, benefited fire districts, or townships shall not be liable for a claim against the district or association for failure to provide or maintain fire hydrants, facilities or an adequate supply of water or water pressure for fire protection purposes if the purpose of the hydrants, facilities, or water used is not for fire protection. Not later than July 1, 2006, the legislative council shall provide for a review of the liability exemption or limitation provided for rural water districts or rural water associations under this paragraph and assess its effect on the provision of fire protection in areas served by the rural water districts or rural water associations.

Approved April 19, 2001

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## CHAPTER 55

### PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING — LICENSURE

H.F. 451

**AN ACT** regulating the practice of accounting, establishing fees, providing penalties, and providing an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 542D.1 TITLE.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Iowa Accountancy Act of 2001".

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 542D.2 LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

It is the policy of this state, and the purpose of this chapter, to promote the reliability of information that is used for guidance in financial transactions or for accounting for or assessing the financial status or performance of commercial, noncommercial, and governmental enterprises. The reliance of the public in general and of the business community in