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SENATE FILE 1144

By RAMSEY

Passed Senate, Date _____ Passed House, Date _____

Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____

Approved _____

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to fire protection by townships.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section three hundred fifty-nine point forty-
2 two (359.42), Code 1975, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-sixth
3 General Assembly, 1975 Session, chapter one hundred ninety-
4 four (194), section six (6), is amended to read as follows:

5 359.42 TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION. The trustees of each
6 township in this state ~~shall~~ may provide fire protection for
7 the township, exclusive of any part of the township within
8 a benefited fire district. The trustees may purchase, own,
9 rent or maintain fire protection apparatus or equipment and
10 provide housing for such equipment. The trustees may con-
11 tract with any public or private agency under chapter twenty-
12 eight E (28E) of the Code for the purpose of providing fire
13 protection under this section.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill removes the mandate that township trustees must
16 provide fire protection within a township. The power to pro-
17 vide fire protection will be discretionary.

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