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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing volunteer fire fighters and emergency medical
2 services personnel with an individual income tax credit and
3 including related appropriations from the taxpayers trust
4 fund, and including applicability provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 8.57E, Code Supplement 2011, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 **8.57E Taxpayers trust fund.**

4 1. A taxpayers trust fund is created. The fund shall be
5 separate from the general fund of the state and the balance in
6 the fund shall not be considered part of the balance of the
7 general fund of the state. The moneys credited to the fund
8 are not subject to section 8.33 and shall not be transferred,
9 used, obligated, appropriated, or otherwise encumbered except
10 as provided in this section.

11 2. Moneys in the taxpayers trust fund shall only be used
12 pursuant to appropriations made by the general assembly for tax
13 relief.

14 3. *a.* There is appropriated from the taxpayers trust fund
15 to the general fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
16 2014, and subsequent fiscal years, an amount of moneys equal
17 to the credits claimed under the volunteer fire fighter and
18 volunteer emergency medical services personnel income tax
19 credit in section 422.12 for the calendar year preceding the
20 fiscal year for which the appropriation is made. The maximum
21 annual appropriation under this paragraph shall not exceed
22 sixty million dollars.

23 *b.* Moneys The moneys remaining in the taxpayers trust fund
24 after the appropriation in paragraph "a" may be used for cash
25 flow purposes during a fiscal year provided that any moneys so
26 allocated are returned to the fund by the end of that fiscal
27 year.

28 ~~*b.*~~ 4. Except as provided in section 8.58, the taxpayers
29 trust fund shall be considered a special account for the
30 purposes of section 8.53 in determining the cash position
31 of the general fund of the state for the payment of state
32 obligations.

33 ~~4.~~ 5. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2,
34 interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the taxpayers trust
35 fund shall be credited to the fund.

1 Sec. 2. Section 422.12, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended
2 by adding the following new paragraphs:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* "*Emergency medical services personnel*"
4 means an emergency medical care provider, as defined in section
5 147A.1, who is certified as a first responder pursuant to
6 chapter 147A.

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* "*Volunteer fire fighter*" means a
8 volunteer fire fighter as defined in section 85.61 who has met
9 the minimum training standards established by the fire service
10 training bureau pursuant to chapter 100B.

11 Sec. 3. Section 422.12, subsection 2, Code 2011, is amended
12 by adding the following new paragraph:

13 NEW PARAGRAPH. *c.* (1) A volunteer fire fighter and
14 volunteer emergency medical services personnel credit equal
15 to five hundred dollars to compensate the taxpayer for the
16 voluntary services if the volunteer served for the entire tax
17 year.

18 If the taxpayer is not a volunteer fire fighter or volunteer
19 emergency medical services personnel for the entire tax
20 year, the maximum amount of the credit shall be prorated
21 and the amount of credit for the taxpayer shall equal the
22 maximum amount of credit for the tax year, divided by twelve,
23 multiplied by the number of months in the tax year the taxpayer
24 was a volunteer. The credit shall be rounded to the nearest
25 dollar. If the taxpayer is a volunteer during any part of a
26 month, the taxpayer shall be considered a volunteer for the
27 entire month. If the taxpayer is a volunteer fire fighter and
28 a volunteer emergency medical services personnel during the
29 same month, a credit may be claimed for only one volunteer
30 position for that month.

31 (2) The taxpayer is required to have a written statement
32 from the fire chief or other appropriate supervisor verifying
33 that the taxpayer was a volunteer fire fighter or volunteer
34 emergency medical services personnel for the months for which
35 the credit under this subsection is claimed.

1 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to tax years
2 beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill provides a nonrefundable individual income tax
5 credit for an individual who was a volunteer fire fighter who
6 has met the minimum training standards or certified volunteer
7 emergency medical services personnel for the entire tax year.
8 The credit is to compensate the individual for the volunteer
9 services. The amount of the credit equals \$500. If the
10 individual was not a volunteer for the entire tax year, the
11 amount of credit is prorated based upon the months of volunteer
12 service. A credit may be claimed for only one volunteer
13 position per month.

14 The bill provides an annual appropriation from the taxpayers
15 relief fund to the general fund for an amount equal to the
16 credits claimed for a tax year, not to exceed \$60 million.

17 The bill applies to tax years beginning on or after January
18 1, 2013.