

House File 2443 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act raising the limit certain townships may levy for fire
2 protection service and emergency medical service.

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

1 Section 1. Section 359.43, subsection 1, Code 2024, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The township trustees may levy an annual tax not
4 exceeding ~~forty and one-half~~ ninety-one cents per thousand
5 dollars of assessed value of the taxable property in the
6 township, excluding property within a benefited fire district
7 or within the corporate limits of a city, for the purpose of
8 exercising the powers and duties specified in [section 359.42](#).
9 However, in a township having a fire protection service or
10 emergency medical service agreement or both service agreements
11 with a special charter city having a paid fire department,
12 the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding
13 fifty-four cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of
14 the taxable property for the services authorized or required
15 under [section 359.42](#) and in a township which is located within
16 a county having a population of three hundred thousand or more,
17 the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding
18 sixty-seven and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed
19 value of taxable property for the services authorized or
20 required under [section 359.42](#).

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 Under current law, a township may levy taxes to provide
25 for fire and emergency medical services. Townships with a
26 population of 300,000 or more may levy an annual tax not to
27 exceed 67.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value of taxable
28 property. Townships with a fire protection service agreement,
29 an emergency medical service agreement, or both with a special
30 charter city may levy an annual tax not to exceed 54 cents
31 per \$1,000 of assessed value of taxable property. All other
32 townships may levy an annual tax not to exceed 40.5 cents per
33 \$1,000 of assessed value of taxable property.

34 This bill raises the maximum a township without a fire
35 protection or emergency medical service agreement with a

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1 special charter city, and with a population below 300,000, may
2 levy for providing fire and emergency medical services from
3 40.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value of taxable property
4 in the township to 91 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value of
5 taxable property in the township.