

HOUSE BILL 2444

By Kane

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6; Title 7 and Title 68, relative to recouping
the cost of services provided by fire departments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The commissioner of commerce and insurance shall survey the governmental fire departments of this state in order to ascertain the amount of fire department resources, represented in dollars, that were expended in calendar year 2013 for provision of firefighting services in response to imminent dangers to life, health, or property that were, in the professional judgment of the chief executive officer of the fire department that responded to the imminent danger, caused by the reckless actions of the landowner, lessee, occupant, or any other person who was in control of land or premises where the imminent danger occurred. The commissioner shall also prepare an estimate of the amount of money that governmental fire departments would have recouped if local governments were authorized to seek reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred by governmental fire departments in responding to imminent dangers caused by the reckless actions of a landowner, lessee, occupant, or any other person who was in control of land or premises where the imminent danger occurred.

SECTION 2. Each entity of state government and all political subdivisions of this state shall provide such assistance to the commissioner as the commissioner requires to complete the survey and estimate that are required by Section 1.

SECTION 3. The commissioner shall report the results of the survey and estimate that are required by Section 1 to the members of the general assembly no later than January 10, 2015.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.