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5 On page 6, after line 6, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 3. RCW 41.24.010 and 1989 c 91 s 8 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 As used in this chapter:

9 "Municipal corporation" or "municipality" includes any city or
10 town, fire protection district, or any water, irrigation, or other
11 district, authorized by law to afford emergency medical services and
12 protection to life and property within its boundaries from fire.

13 "Fire department" means any regularly organized fire department or
14 emergency medical service district consisting wholly of volunteer fire
15 fighters, or any part-paid and part-volunteer fire department duly
16 organized and maintained by any municipality: PROVIDED, That any such
17 municipality wherein a part-paid fire department is maintained may by
18 appropriate legislation permit the full-paid members of its department
19 to come under the provisions of chapter 41.16 RCW.

20 "Fire fighter" includes any fire fighter or emergency worker who is
21 a member of any fire department of any municipality but shall not
22 include full time, paid fire fighters who are members of the Washington
23 law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system, with
24 respect to periods of service rendered in such capacity.

25 "Emergency worker" means any emergency medical service personnel,
26 regulated by chapters 18.71 and 18.73 RCW, who is a member of an
27 emergency medical service district but shall not include full-time,
28 paid emergency medical service personnel who are members of the

1 Washington public employees' retirement system, with respect to periods
2 of service rendered in such capacity.

3 "Performance of duty" shall be construed to mean and include any
4 work in and about company quarters or any fire station or any other
5 place under the direction or general orders of the chief or other
6 officer having authority to order such member to perform such work;
7 responding to, working at, or returning from an alarm of fire; drill;
8 or any work performed of an emergency nature in accordance with the
9 rules and regulations of the fire department.

10 "State board" means the state board for volunteer fire fighters
11 created herein.

12 "Board of trustees" means a board of trustees created under RCW
13 41.24.060 or, for matters affecting an emergency worker, an emergency
14 medical service district board of trustees created under section 4 of
15 this act.

16 "Appropriate legislation" means an ordinance when an ordinance is
17 the means of legislating by any municipality, and resolution in all
18 other cases."

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. In every county maintaining a regularly
20 organized emergency medical service district there is hereby created
21 and established an emergency medical service district board of trustees
22 for the administration of this chapter. The emergency medical service
23 district board shall consist of the three county commissioners, the
24 county clerk, a councilmember from each city or municipality in the
25 emergency medical service district, the head of the emergency medical
26 service district, and one member of the emergency medical service
27 district to be elected by the members of the emergency medical service
28 district for a term of one year and annually thereafter."

1 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The chair of the board of county
2 commissioners shall be chair of the emergency medical service district
3 board of trustees, and the county clerk shall be the secretary-
4 treasurer of the emergency medical service district board of trustees.
5 The secretary shall keep a public record of all proceedings, of all
6 receipts and disbursements made by the emergency medical service
7 district board of trustees and shall make an annual report of its
8 expenses and disbursements with a full list of the beneficiaries of
9 said fund in the county, the record to be placed on file in the county.
10 Such forms as shall be necessary for the proper administration of this
11 fund and of making the reports required hereunder shall be provided by
12 the state board."

13 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The state board shall set the amount
14 consistent with the most recent valuation of the volunteer fire
15 fighters relief and pension fund to be paid for the purposes of this
16 chapter by emergency medical service districts for emergency worker
17 relief and pension fees and by emergency workers for emergency worker
18 pensions. The fees set under this section are subject to the other
19 provisions of this chapter."

20 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Sections 4 through 6 of this act are
21 each added to chapter 41.24 RCW."

22 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
23 internal references accordingly.

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4 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "41.24.030" strike "and
5 41.24.170" and insert ", 41.24.170, and 41.24.010; adding new sections
6 to chapter 41.24 RCW"