

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1159

Approved by the Governor March 23, 1988

Introduced by Rogers, 41; Dierks, 40

AN ACT relating to fire protection districts; to amend section 35-514.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to authorize additional fire protection services as prescribed; to authorize certain charges for such services; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 35-514.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

35-514.02. A rural or suburban fire protection district may provide ambulance service or fire protection service either within or without the district, may enter into agreement agreements under the Interlocal Cooperation Act for the purpose of providing necessary ambulance service or fire protection service, may contract with any city, person, firm, or corporation, or other fire protection district to provide such service services, may expend funds of the district, and may charge a reasonable fee to the user. Before any such ambulance service is services are established under the authority of this section, the rural or suburban fire protection district shall hold a public hearing after giving at least ten days' notice, thereof, which notice shall include a brief summary of the general plan for providing such the ambulance service or fire protection service, including an estimate of the initial cost and the possible continuing cost of operating such the ambulance service or fire protection service. If the board after such hearing determines that ambulance service or fire protection service is needed, it may proceed as authorized in this section. The authority granted in this section shall be cumulative and supplementary to any existing powers heretofore granted. Any such fire protection district providing any service under this section may pay the cost for such the service out of available funds, or may levy a tax for the purpose of providing necessary ambulance service or fire protection service, which levy shall be in addition to any other tax for such fire protection district and shall be in addition to

restrictions on the levy of taxes provided by statute. When a fire protection district levies a tax for the purpose of providing ambulance service the taxpayers of such district shall be exempt from any tax levied under the provisions of section 23-378. The board of a fire protection district which provides fire protection service outside of the district may charge a political subdivision with which the district has entered into an agreement for such service on a per-call basis for such service.

Sec. 2. That original section 35-514.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.