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7	A BILL
8	TO BE ENTITLED
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11	Relating to fireworks and pyrotechnics; to amend
12	Sections 8-17-210, 8-17-211, 8-17-216.1, 8-17-217, 8-17-218,
13	8-17-219, 8-17-220, 8-17-225, 8-17-226, 8-17-237, 8-17-255,
14	34-33-11, 34-33A-12, and 36-19-29, Code of Alabama 1975; and
15	to add Section 36-19-31 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to
16	redesignate common fireworks as consumer fireworks and to
17	provide for the regulation of consumer fireworks; to specify
18	that city and county ordinances may not conflict with the
19	regulation of certain sparkling devices and novelty fireworks
20	as defined in this act; to increase the fees collected by the
21	State Fire Marshal for issuing permits in the regulation of
22	the manufacturing, sale, and display of fireworks and for the
23	use of pyrotechnics before a proximate audience; to further
24	provide for the operation of the State Fire Marshal's Fund and
25	to provide retroactive effect; to provide for a transfer of
26	five percent of the permit fees collected by the State Fire
27	Marshal in the regulation of fireworks and pyrotechnics to the

1	Alabama Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Fund; and to specify
2	that the fees may be increased at certain intervals according
3	to increases in the Consumer Price Index.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
5	Section 1. Sections 8-17-210, 8-17-211, 8-17-216.1,
6	8-17-217, 8-17-218, 8-17-219, 8-17-220, 8-17-225, 8-17-226,
7	8-17-237, 8-17-255, 34-33-11, 34-33A-12, and 36-19-29, Code of
8	Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:
9	"§8-17-210.
10	"As used in this article, the following terms shall
11	have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, unless
12	clearly indicated otherwise:
13	" <u>(1)</u> AERIAL DEVICES. Any type of D.O.T. Class C
14	Consumer Fireworks listed in the APA 87-1, Sections 3.1.2 and
15	<u>3.5.</u>
16	"(2) ANNUAL RETAILER. Any person engaged in the
17	business of making sales of fireworks to consumers within this
18	state throughout the entire calendar year from January 1
19	through December 31.
20	"(3) APA 87-1. The 2001 American Pyrotechnics
21	Standard for Construction and Approval for Transportation of
22	Fireworks, Novelties, and Theatrical Pyrotechnics.
23	"(4) AUDIBLE GROUND DEVICES. Any type of D.O.T.
24	Class C Consumer Firework listed in APA 87-1, Section 3.1.3.
25	" <del>(1)<u>(5)</u> DISTRIBUTOR. Any person engaged in the</del>
26	business of making sales of fireworks for resale to all
27	holders of the required Alabama permits who in turn shall

resell to any permit holder; or any person who receives,
 brings, or imports any fireworks of any kind into the State of
 Alabama, except to a holder of an Alabama manufacturer's or
 distributor's permit.

5 "(2)(6) D.O.T. CLASS C COMMON CONSUMER FIREWORKS. 6 All articles of fireworks as are now or hereafter classified 7 as D.O.T. Class C common <u>1.4G Consumer</u> fireworks in the 8 regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation for the 9 transportation of explosive and other dangerous articles<u>,</u> 10 <u>including aerial devices, audible ground devices, and</u>

11 <u>sparkling devices</u>.

12 "(8)(7) FIREWORKS SEASONS. The dates of June 20 13 through July 10 and December 15 through January 2 of each year 14 shall be the only periods when seasonal retailers may sell 15 fireworks.

16 "(3)(8) MANUFACTURER. Any person engaged in the 17 making, manufacture, or construction of fireworks of any kind 18 within the State of Alabama.

19 "(9) NFPA 1123. The National Fire Protection
20 Association Code for Fireworks Display, as adopted by the
21 State Fire Marshal.
22 "(10) NOVELTIES. Any device listed in APA 87-1,
23 Section 3.2, including, without limitation, the following:

- 24 "<u>a. Party poppers.</u>
- 25 "<u>b. Snappers.</u>
- 26 "<u>c. Toy smoke devices.</u>
- 27 "d. Snake, glow worms.

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## "e. Wire sparklers, dipped sticks.

2 "(4)(11) PERMIT. The written authority of the State
3 Fire Marshal issued under the authority of this article.

4 "(5)(12) PERSON. Includes any corporation,
5 association, copartnership or one or more individuals.

6 "(6) RETAILER. Any person engaged in the business of 7 making sales of fireworks to consumers within the State of 8 Alabama during a calendar year from January 1 through December 9 <del>31.</del>

10 "(7)(13) SALE. An exchange of articles or fireworks 11 for money, including barter, exchange, gift, or offer thereof, 12 and each such transaction made by any person, whether as 13 principal proprietor, salesman, agent, association, 14 copartnership, or one or more individuals.

15 "(9)(14) SEASONAL RETAILER. Any person engaged in 16 the business of making sales of fireworks to consumers within 17 the State of Alabama during the fireworks season(s) only, from 18 permanent buildings or temporary or moveable stands.

"(15) SPARKLING DEVICES. Handheld or ground based 19 20 sparkling devices that are non-explosive and non-aerial and 21 contain 75 grams or less of chemical compound per tube or a total of 500 grams or less for multiple tubes and other 22 23 sparkling devices which emit showers of sparks and sometimes a 24 whistling, spinning, or crackling effect when burning, but 25 does not include aerial devices, audible ground devices, or anything that will detonate or explode. 26

"(10)(16) SPECIAL FIREWORKS. All articles of
fireworks that are classified as Class B explosives 1.3G
<u>fireworks</u> in the regulations of the U.S. Department of
Transportation, including all articles classified as fireworks
other than those classified as Class C.

6 "(11)(17) WHOLESALER. Any person engaged in the 7 business of making sales of fireworks to any other person 8 engaged in the business of making sales at seasonal retail. 9 "\$8-17-211.

10 "(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, offer for sale, or ship or cause to be 11 shipped into or within the State of Alabama, except as herein 12 13 provided, any item of fireworks or pyrotechnics for use before a proximate audience, without first having secured the 14 15 required applicable permit, as a manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, annual retailer, or seasonal retailer, from the 16 17 State Fire Marshal. Possession of a permit is a condition 18 prerequisite to manufacturing, selling, or offering for sale, or shipping or causing to be shipped any fireworks or 19 20 pyrotechnics for use before a proximate audience into or 21 within the State of Alabama, except as herein provided. This provision applies to nonresidents as well as residents of the 22 State of Alabama. Mail orders where consumers purchase any 23 24 fireworks or pyrotechnics for use before a proximate audience 25 through the mail or receive any fireworks or pyrotechnics for 26 use before a proximate audience in Alabama by mail, parcel service, or other carrier are prohibited. A sales clerk must 27

1 be on duty to serve consumers at the time of purchase or 2 delivery. All fireworks or pyrotechnics for use before a proximate audience sold and delivered to consumers within the 3 State of Alabama must take place within the State of Alabama 4 5 and be sold and delivered only by an individual, firm, partnership, or corporation holding the proper Alabama permit 6 7 and all fireworks or pyrotechnics for use before a proximate audience coming into the state, manufactured, sold, or stored 8 9 within the state shall be under the supervision of the State 10 Fire Marshal as provided for in this article.

"(b) Prior to engaging in the manufacture or sale 11 within the State of Alabama, or shipment into the State of 12 13 Alabama, of any fireworks or pyrotechnics for use before a 14 proximate audience, each person making shipment or delivery or 15 receiving any fireworks or pyrotechnics for use before a proximate audience into or within the State of Alabama, must 16 17 make application on forms secured from the State Fire Marshal 18 for a permit or permits required under this article for each location at which fireworks or pyrotechnics for use before a 19 20 proximate audience are to be offered for sale.

"(c) A manufacturer's permit issued under this article shall be subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the State Fire Marshal to govern the manufacture of fireworks or pyrotechnics for use before a proximate audience as in the judgment of the State Fire Marshal the public welfare may require.

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"(d) The decision of the State Fire Marshal as to 1 2 what type of permit or permits shall be required of each person shall be final. The State Fire Marshal may deny a 3 permit to an applicant or revoke a permit if the State Fire 4 5 Marshal has knowledge or reason to believe the safety standards and conditions of this article are not or cannot be 6 7 met by the applicant. No permit shall be issued to a person under the age of 18 years. All permits shall be for the 8 9 calendar year or any fraction thereof and shall expire on 10 December 31 of each year, two days of grace shall be allowed holders of permits after expiration thereof. Only one seasonal 11 retailer permit shall be required for a full calendar year and 12 13 it shall be valid for both fireworks seasons, provided that the building is not moved from the location where it was 14 15 originally permitted and no substantial structural or environmental changes have occurred. A seasonal retailer 16 17 permit may be issued after July tenth for the remaining 18 fireworks season of that calendar year. All permits issued must be displayed in their place of business. No permit 19 20 provided for herein shall be transferable nor shall a person 21 be permitted to operate under a permit issued to any other 22 person or under a permit issued for another location, unless 23 transfer shall have been approved by the State Fire Marshal. 24 The holder of an annual retailer permit shall not be required 25 to obtain a seasonal retailer permit.

"(e) The State Fire Marshal shall charge for permits
issued as follows:

1	"(1) Manufacturer, <del>two</del> <u>three</u> thousand dollars
2	<del>(\$2,000)</del> <u>(\$3,000)</u> .
3	"(2) Distributor, <del>two</del> <u>three</u> thousand dollars
4	<del>(\$2,000)</del> <u>(\$3,000)</u> .
5	"(3) Wholesaler, <del>seven hundred</del> <u>one thousand</u> dollars
6	<del>(\$700)</del> <u>(\$1,000)</u> .
7	"(4) <del>Retailer, two hundred dollars (\$200).</del> <u>Annual</u>
8	<u>Retailer:</u>
9	"a. Of aerial devices, sparkling devices, audible
10	ground devices, and novelties, three hundred dollars (\$300)
11	per location.
12	"b. Of only sparkling devices and novelties, one
13	hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per location.
14	"c. Of only novelties, one hundred dollars (\$100)
15	per location.
16	"(5) Seasonal Retailer <del>, two three hundred dollars</del>
17	<del>(\$200).<u>:</u></del>
18	a. Of aerial devices, sparkling devices, audible
19	ground devices, and novelties, three hundred dollars (\$300)
20	per location.
21	b. Of only sparkling devices and novelties, one
22	hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per location.
23	"(6) Seasonal Retailer after July 10, <del>one hundred</del>
24	dollars (\$100) one-half the permit fee indicated in
25	subdivision (5).

1 "(7) Display, fifty dollars (\$50) application filed at least 10 business days before display date, seventy-five 2 3 dollars (\$75). "(8) Display, application filed less than 10 4 business days before display date, one hundred fifty dollars 5 6 (\$150). "(f) Only holders of <del>a</del> an annual retailer or 7 seasonal retailer permit may engage in the retail sale of 8 9 permitted items as defined in Section 8-17-217 aerial devices, 10 sparkling devices, audible ground devices, and novelties, in any quantity, to consumers. 11 "(q) A holder of a manufacturer's permit is not 12 13 required to have any additional permit or permits in order to sell to distributors, wholesalers, retailers, or seasonal 14 15 retailers. "(h) A record of all sales by manufacturers, 16 17 distributors, or wholesalers must be kept showing the names 18 and addresses of purchasers. All fees collected for the permits shall be paid into the State Fire Marshal Marshal's 19 20 Revolving Fund for the enforcement of this article. The State 21 Fire Marshal may designate a deputy fire marshal as the 22 "fireworks enforcement officer" who shall have the responsibility of directing enforcement of the state fireworks 23 24 laws. 25 "(i) The State Fire Marshal is charged with the 26 enforcement of this article and may call upon any state or county or city peace officer for assistance in the enforcement 27

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of this article. The fire marshal is not authorized to
 promulgate rules or regulations in conflict with or that go
 beyond the scope or intent of this article.

"(j) Every five years, the State Fire Marshal may 4 5 increase the fees by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers as published by the U.S. 6 7 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics from the end of December 2020, to the end of the month preceding the month 8 9 in which the fee increase is to be effective, rounded down to 10 the nearest dollar. The increase may not exceed two percent 11 per year.

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"§8-17-216.1.

13 "(a) The use of pyrotechnics before a proximate 14 audience shall comply with the requirements set out in the 15 latest edition of the National Fire Protection Association's Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate 16 17 Audience (NFPA 1126) as shall be adopted by the State Fire 18 Marshal. For purposes of this article, the term "proximate audience" shall mean an indoor audience closer to pyrotechnic 19 devices than permitted by the National Fire Protection 20 21 Association's Code for Fireworks Display (NFPA 1123).

"(b) No person shall use pyrotechnics before a proximate audience without first obtaining a permit therefor from the State Fire Marshal. An application for a permit for the use of pyrotechnics at an event with a proximate audience shall be filed with the State Fire Marshal not less than 10 days prior to the planned date of the event. The State Fire Marshal may accept an application for a permit under this
 section less than 10 days before the planned date of the event
 if accompanied by a fee of double the amount otherwise
 required.

5 "(c) The request for a permit under subsection (b) 6 shall be in the form and manner prescribed by the State Fire 7 Marshal. The permit shall be in addition to any locally 8 required permit or approval.

9 "(d) A fee of one hundred <u>fifty</u> dollars <del>(\$100)</del>
10 <u>(\$150)</u> per event shall be submitted with each application.

"(e) Where more than one event is to take place at the same location during the same calendar date, a separate application shall be filed for each event. The application fee for the second and subsequent events on the same calendar date shall be <u>fifty seventy-five</u> dollars (\$50) (\$75) per event.

16 "(f) The State Fire Marshal may prescribe such other 17 and additional requirements associated with the use of 18 pyrotechnics before a proximate audience as are deemed 19 necessary for the safety of property and persons present at 20 the proximate event location.

"(g) All pyrotechnics found at an event with a proximate audience which does not have a permit shall be confiscated and destroyed by the State Fire Marshal or his or her designee.

"(h) All fees collected pursuant to this section
shall be paid into the <u>State</u> Fire <u>Marshal Marshal's</u> <del>Revolving</del>
Fund for the enforcement of this article.

"(i) Every five years, the State Fire Marshal may 1 2 increase the fees by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers as published by the U.S. 3 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics from the end 4 5 of December 2020, to the end of the month preceding the month in which the fee increase is to be effective, rounded down to 6 7 the nearest dollar. The increase may not exceed two percent 8 per year.

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"§8-17-217.

10 "(a) It shall be unlawful for an individual, firm, partnership, or corporation to possess, sell, or use within 11 the State of Alabama, or ship into the State of Alabama, 12 13 except as provided in Section 8-17-216, any pyrotechnics 14 commonly known as "fireworks" other than items now or 15 hereafter classified as Class C common consumer fireworks by 16 the United States Department of Transportation, including, but not limited to, aerial devices, audible ground devices, 17 18 sparkling devices, and novelties and/or those items that comply with the construction, chemical composition, and 19 20 labeling regulations promulgated by the United States Consumer 21 Product Safety Commission and permitted for use by the general 22 public under their regulations.

"(b) Permitted items designed to produce an audible effect are confined to small ground items which include firecrackers containing not over 50 milligrams of explosive composition and aerial devices containing not over 130 milligrams of explosive composition. Propelling or expelling charge consisting of a mixture of charcoal, sulfur and
 potassium nitrate are not considered as designed to produce an
 audible effect.

"(c) Items permitted and for which a permit is 4 5 required shall include related items not classified by the 6 United States Department of Transportation as common consumer 7 fireworks, but identified under their regulations as trick noisemakers, toy novelties, toy smoke devices and sparklers 8 and shall include toy snakes, snappers, auto burglar alarms, 9 10 smoke balls, smoke novelty items, and wire sparklers containing not over 100 grams of composition per item. 11 Sparklers containing any chlorate or perchlorate salts may not 12 13 exceed five grams of composition per item.

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"§8-17-218.

15 "All items of fireworks which exceed the two grain 16 limit of D.O.T. Class C common consumer fireworks as to explosive composition, such items being commonly referred to 17 18 as "illegal ground salutes" designed to produce an audible effect, are expressly prohibited from shipment into, 19 20 manufacture, possession, sale, and use within the State of 21 Alabama for any purpose. This subsection section shall not 22 affect display fireworks authorized by this article $\overline{r}$ .

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"§8-17-219.

"No permissible article of fireworks or related
items defined in Section 8-17-217 shall be sold, offered for
sale or possessed within the state or used within the state,
except as provided in Section 8-17-216 unless it shall be

1 properly named to conform to the nomenclature of Section 2 8-17-217. Items must be identified on the shipping cases and by imprinting on the article or retail sales container or unit 3 "D.O.T. Class C Common Consumer Fireworks" or other 4 5 appropriate classification or identification as may be 6 applicable or required by any federal agency having 7 jurisdiction over fireworks on related items; such imprint to be of sufficient size and so positioned as to be readily 8 9 recognized by law enforcement authorities and the general 10 public.

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"§8-17-220.

"Permissible items of fireworks, defined in Section 12 13 8-17-217, may be sold at retail to residents of the State of 14 Alabama. The term "fireworks" shall not include toy paper 15 pistol caps which contain less than twenty-five hundredths 16 grains of explosive compounds, model rockets, emergency signal 17 flares, matches, cone, bottle, tube, and other type serpentine 18 pop-off novelties, trick matches and cigarette loads, the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all times without a 19 20 special fireworks permit.

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"§8-17-225.

"The State Fire Marshal shall seize as contraband
any fireworks other than the permitted "Class C Common
<u>Consumer</u> Fireworks" and related items defined in Section
8-17-217 or "special fireworks" for public displays as
provided in Section 8-17-216, which are sold, displayed, used,
or possessed in violation of this article. The fire marshall

is authorized to <u>State Fire Marshal may</u> destroy any illegal
 fireworks so seized.

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"§8-17-226.

4 "<u>(a)</u> This article shall in no wise affect the
5 validity of any city ordinance further restricting the sale or
6 use of fireworks aerial devices and audible ground devices,
7 including the authority to adopt ordinances related to aerial
8 devices and audible ground devices in accordance with Section
9 11-45-9.1.

10 "(b) Except as provided in this subsection, no city or county may enact any ordinance or local law in conflict 11 12 with this chapter or related to the transportation, storage, 13 retail sale, or possession of sparkling devices or novelties. 14 This subsection does not apply to a Class 2 municipality. 15 "(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to 16 limit or restrict a municipality from including the revenue 17 derived from the devices listed above from the gross receipts 18 calculation used as the basis for a retailer's existing business license as provided in Section 11-51-90. 19

"§8-17-237.

"(a) A pyrotechnics display operator license or pyrotechnic special effects operator license issued under this article authorizes the holder to act pursuant to that license until the license is suspended, revoked, or not renewed. Upon the suspension or revocation of a license, or the failure to renew a license, the licensee shall return the license to the State Fire Marshal. Each license is valid for two years,
 unless suspended or revoked.

"(b) All fees collected pursuant to this article
shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the
State Fire Marshal's Fund authorized in Section 24-5-10
<u>36-19-31</u>. The State Fire Marshal may expend monies from the
State Fire Marshal's Fund for the administration and
enforcement of this article.

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"§8-17-255.

10 "All sums received through the payment of fees, the recovery of civil penalties, grants, and appropriations by the 11 Legislature shall be deposited in the State Treasury and 12 13 credited to the State Fire Marshal's Fund authorized by 14 Section 36-19-31. This fund shall be available to the State 15 Fire Marshal for the operation of the State Fire Marshal's 16 Offices, including expenditure in the administration and enforcement of this article, Article 8, Article 8A, and 17 18 Article 10, training, and research programs, and to support fire safety and prevention programs. Provided, however, that 19 20 no funds shall be withdrawn or expended except as budgeted and 21 allocated according to Sections 41-4-80 to 41-4-96 and 22 Sections 41-19-1 to 41-19-12, inclusive, and only in amounts 23 as stipulated in the general appropriations bills or other 24 appropriations bills. Any unencumbered and any unexpended 25 balance of this fund remaining at the end of any fiscal year shall not lapse or revert to the General Fund, but shall be 26

carried forward for the purposes of this article until
 expended.

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"§34-33-11.

"All funds collected pursuant to this chapter shall 4 5 be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Fire Marshal's Fund authorized by Section  $\frac{24-5-10}{36-19-31}$ . 6 7 The State Fire Marshal shall be authorized to expend moneys from the State Fire Marshal's Fund for the administration and 8 enforcement of this chapter. The State Fire Marshal shall be 9 10 allowed to receive grants and donations from associations, firms, or individuals who are interested in the upgrading and 11 quality of fire protection sprinkler systems. 12

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"§34-33A-12.

14 "All funds collected pursuant to this chapter shall 15 be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the State 16 Fire Marshal's Fund authorized in Section 24-5-10 36-19-31. 17 The State Fire Marshal may expend moneys from the State Fire Marshal's Fund for the administration and enforcement of this 18 chapter. The State Fire Marshal may receive grants and 19 20 donations from associations, firms, or individuals who are 21 interested in the upgrading and quality of fire alarm systems 22 in compliance with Alabama state ethics laws.

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"§36-19-29.

24 "All penalties, fees or forfeitures collected under
25 the provisions of this article, unless otherwise provided,
26 shall be placed in the General Fund of the State."

Section 2. Section 36-19-31 is added to the Code of
 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

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§36-19-31.

(a) There is established in the State Treasury a 4 special fund to be known as the State Fire Marshal's Fund. All 5 6 sums received by the State Fire Marshal's Office through the 7 payment of fees, the recovery of civil penalties, grants, and appropriations by the Legislature, including funds received 8 pursuant to Article 8, Article 8A, Article 9, and Article 10 9 10 of Chapter 17 of Title 8, and pursuant to Chapter 33 and Chapter 33A of Title 34, shall be deposited in the State Fire 11 Marshal's Fund. 12

(b) The State Fire Marshal's Fund shall be expended
for the operation of the State Fire Marshal's Office,
including the administration and enforcement of Article 8,
Article 8A, Article 9, and Article 10 of Chapter 17 of Title
8, and of Chapter 33 and Chapter 33A of Title 34, for training
and research programs, and to support fire safety and
prevention programs.

(c) No funds shall be withdrawn or expended from the
State Fire Marshal's Fund except as budgeted and allotted
according to Sections 41-4-80 to 41-4-96, inclusive, and
41-19-1 to 41-19-12, inclusive, and only in amounts as
stipulated in the general appropriations act, or other
appropriations act. Any unencumbered and unexpended balance of
the fund remaining at the end of any fiscal year shall not

lapse or revert to the General Fund but shall be carried
 forward to the next fiscal year.

Section 3. On a semiannual basis, the State Fire 3 Marshal shall transfer from the State Fire Marshal's Fund to 4 5 the Alabama Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Fund established pursuant to Section 36-21-185, Code of Alabama 1975, an amount 6 7 equal to five percent of the fees collected by the State Fire Marshal during the previous six months pursuant to Sections 8 8-17-211 and 8-17-216.1, Code of Alabama 1975, as currently 9 10 provided or as those fees may be hereafter adjusted.

11 Section 4. The deposit of any funds in the State 12 Fire Marshal's Fund and the expenditure of any funds from the 13 State Fire Marshal's Fund prior to the effective date of this 14 act are ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. Nothing in this act shall apply to aClass 1 municipality.

17 Section 6. This act shall become effective on the 18 first day of the third month following its passage and 19 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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14 15 16 17 18	Patrick Harris, Secretary.	