

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the North Okaloosa Fire District,
 3 Okaloosa County; amending chapter 2001-333, Laws of
 4 Florida, as amended; authorizing the elected board of
 5 commissioners to collect certain user charges and assess
 6 certain impact fees; providing a definition; providing an
 7 effective date.

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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Subsections (3) and (4) are added to section 6
 12 of section 2 of chapter 2001-333, Laws of Florida, as amended by
 13 chapter 2007-311, Laws of Florida, to read:

14 Section 6. Financial matters.--

15 (3) USER CHARGES.--The elected board of commissioners may
 16 provide a reasonable schedule of charges for:

17 (a) Special emergency services, including firefighting
 18 occurring in or to structures outside the district, motor
 19 vehicles, marine vessels, aircraft, or rail cars, or as a result
 20 of the operation of such motor vehicles or marine vessels, to
 21 which the district is called to render such emergency services,
 22 and may charge a fee for the services rendered in accordance
 23 with the schedule.

24 (b) Fighting fires occurring in or at refuse dumps or as a
 25 result of an illegal burn, which fire, dump, or burn is not
 26 authorized by general or special law, rule, regulation, order,
 27 or ordinance and which the district is called upon to fight or
 28 extinguish.

29 (c) Responding to, assisting in, or mitigating emergencies
 30 to which the district has been called that threaten or could
 31 threaten the health and safety of persons, property, or the
 32 environment, including a charge for responding to false alarms.

33 (d) Inspecting structures, plans, and equipment to
 34 determine compliance with firesafety codes and standards.

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 36 The district shall have a lien upon any real property, motor
 37 vehicle, marine vessel, aircraft, or rail car for any charge
 38 assessed under this subsection.

39 (4) IMPACT FEES.--

40 (a) Because the general purpose local government has not
 41 adopted an impact fee for fire services which is distributed to
 42 the district for construction within its jurisdictional
 43 boundaries, the Legislature hereby authorizes the North Okaloosa
 44 Fire District's elected board of commissioners to establish a
 45 schedule of impact fees in compliance with any standards set by
 46 general law for new construction in order to pay for the cost of
 47 new facilities and equipment the need for which is in whole or
 48 in part the result of new construction.

49 (b) The impact fees collected by the district under this
 50 subsection shall be kept separate from other revenues of the
 51 district and must be used exclusively to acquire, purchase, or
 52 construct new facilities or portions thereof needed to provide
 53 fire protection and emergency services to new construction. As
 54 used in this subsection, "new facilities" means land, buildings,
 55 and capital equipment, including, but not limited to, fire and

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56 emergency vehicles, radio telemetry equipment, and other
57 firefighting or rescue equipment.

58 (c) The board shall maintain adequate records to ensure
59 that impact fees are expended only for permissible new
60 facilities or equipment.

61 (d) The board may enter into agreements with general
62 purpose local governments to share in the revenues from fire
63 protection impact fees imposed by such governments.

64 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.