

SENATE BILL NO. 58

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-33-2311 AND 19-17-402, MCA."

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