

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 1782 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 6, insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 297I.06, is amended to read:

1.4 **297I.06 SURCHARGES ON FIRE SAFETY PREMIUMS.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Insurance policies surcharge.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in  
1.6 subdivision 2, each licensed insurer engaged in writing policies of homeowner's insurance  
1.7 authorized in section 60A.06, subdivision 1, clause (1)(c), or commercial fire policies or  
1.8 commercial nonliability policies shall collect a surcharge as provided in this paragraph.  
1.9 Through June 30, 2013, the surcharge is equal to 0.65 percent of the gross premiums and  
1.10 assessments, less return premiums, on direct business received by the company, or by its  
1.11 agents for it, for homeowner's insurance policies, commercial fire policies, and commercial  
1.12 nonliability insurance policies in this state. Beginning July 1, 2013, the surcharge is 0.5  
1.13 percent.

1.14 (b) The surcharge amount collected under paragraph (a) or subdivision 2, paragraph (b),  
1.15 may not be considered premium for any other purpose. The surcharge amount under  
1.16 paragraph (a) must be separately stated on either a billing or policy declaration or document  
1.17 containing similar information sent to an insured.

1.18 (c) ... percent of the amounts collected by the commissioner under this section must be  
1.19 deposited in the fire safety account established pursuant to subdivision 3. The remaining  
1.20 amounts collected must be deposited in the hometown heroes account established pursuant  
1.21 to subdivision 4.

1.22 Subd. 2. **Exemptions.** (a) This section does not apply to a township mutual fire insurance  
1.23 company in Minnesota organized under chapter 67A.

2.1 (b) An insurer described in section 297I.05, subdivisions 3 and 4, authorized to transact  
2.2 business in Minnesota shall elect to remit to the Department of Revenue for deposit in the  
2.3 fire safety ~~account~~ and hometown heroes accounts either (1) the surcharge amount imposed  
2.4 under subdivision 1 on all premiums subject to that surcharge, or (2) a surcharge of one-half  
2.5 of one percent on the gross fire premiums and assessments, less return premiums, on all  
2.6 direct business received by the insurer or agents of the insurer in Minnesota, in cash or  
2.7 otherwise, during the year.

2.8 (c) The election must be made by December 31 of each year for insurance policies  
2.9 written or renewed in the succeeding calendar year. An insurer who elects to remit the  
2.10 one-half of one percent surcharge on gross fire premiums and assessments must not charge  
2.11 the insured the surcharge imposed under subdivision 1.

2.12 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, "gross fire premiums and assessments" includes  
2.13 premiums on policies covering fire risks only on automobiles, whether written or under  
2.14 floater form or otherwise.

2.15 Subd. 3. **Fire safety account, annual transfers, allocation.** A special account, to be  
2.16 known as the fire safety account, is created in the state treasury. The account ~~consists of~~  
2.17 ~~the~~ is funded with proceeds collected under subdivisions 1 and 2.

2.18 Subd. 4. **Hometown heroes account, annual transfers, allocation.** A special account,  
2.19 to be known as the hometown heroes account, is created in the state treasury. The account  
2.20 is funded with proceeds collected under subdivisions 1 and 2."

2.21 Page 3, line 2, delete "2020" and insert "2021" and delete the second "2021" and insert  
2.22 "2022" and delete "general"

2.23 Page 3, line 3, delete "fund" and insert "hometown heroes account"

2.24 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.25 Amend the title accordingly