

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2474**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro**

February 24, 2012

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An act relating to fire prevention.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2474, as introduced, Chesbro. Fire prevention fee: state responsibility areas.

Existing law requires the state to have the primary responsibility for preventing and suppressing fires in areas that the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has determined are state responsibility areas. Existing law required the board, on or before September 1, 2011, to adopt emergency regulations to establish a fire prevention fee in an amount not to exceed \$150 to be charged on each structure on a parcel that is within a state responsibility area. The board is required to adjust the fee annually using prescribed methods.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations regarding the imposition of the fire prevention fee.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the fire  
2 prevention fee imposed pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Statutes of  
3 2011 should be implemented in a fair and equitable manner, and  
4 should take into consideration any amounts that an owner of a  
5 structure in a state responsibility area already pays for local fire

- 1 service and the severity of the fire zone where the structure is
- 2 located.

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