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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 522**

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**Chairperson:** Mike Friend  
**Committee:** Urban Affairs  
**Date of Hearing:** February 3, 2009

The following constitute the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Subsequent to the passage of LB 1096 (2008), questions were raised with regard to the provisions of subdivision (8) of newly amended Sec. 35-901 relating to the use of funds derived by a city, village, or fire protection district from its billing for services rendered by the volunteer department.

This legislation is intended to clarify the original intent of LB 1096. It provides that funds derived from fees or charges for volunteer department emergency response services (as defined in subdivision 4(b) of section 35-901) which are in the possession of the sponsoring "taxing authority" (the city, village, or fire protection district) are to be expended **only** for one or more of the specified three purposes:

- (a) for the support of the emergency response activities of the volunteer department that gave rise to the funds, fees, or charges collected,
- (b) for costs directly related to the collection of those funds, fees, or charges, or
- (c) for the support of a service award benefit program adopted and conducted pursuant to the Volunteer Emergency Responders Recruitment and Retention Act.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Mike Friend, Chairperson**  
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