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A BILL

To amend section 505.511 of the Revised Code to
increase the charges for responding in townships
to certain security alarm system false alarms and
to earmark the moneys a township so collects for
police services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 505.511 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 505.511. (A) A board of township trustees that operates
a township police department or the board of township trustees of
a township police district may, after police constables, the
township police, a law enforcement agency with which the township
contracts for police services, and the county sheriff or the
sheriff's deputy have answered a combined total of three false
alarms ~~resulting from the malfunction of~~ the same commercial or
residential security alarm system within the township in the same
calendar year, cause the township clerk to mail the manager of the
commercial establishment or the occupant, lessee, agent, or tenant
of the residence, a bill ~~for twenty-five dollars~~ for each
subsequent false alarm from the same alarm system during that
year, to defray the costs incurred. ~~If~~ The bill's amount shall be

as follows: 21

(1) For the fourth false alarm of that year\$50.00; 22

(2) For the fifth false alarm of that year\$100.00; 23

(3) For all false alarms in that year occurring after the 24
fifth false alarm\$150.00. 25

If payment of the bill is not received within thirty days, 26
the township clerk shall send a notice by certified mail to the 27
manager and to the owner, if different, of the real estate of 28
which the commercial establishment is a part, or to the occupant, 29
lessee, agent, or tenant and to the owner, if different, of the 30
real estate of which the residence is a part, indicating that 31
failure to pay the bill within thirty days, or to show just cause 32
why the bill should not be paid, will result in the assessment of 33
a ~~twenty five dollar~~ lien upon the real estate in the amount of 34
the bill. If payment is not received within those thirty days or 35
if just cause is not shown, the ~~sum of twenty five dollars~~ amount 36
of the bill shall be entered upon the tax duplicate, shall be a 37
lien upon the real estate from the date of the entry, and shall be 38
collected as other taxes and returned to the township ~~general fund~~ 39
treasury to be earmarked for use for police services. ~~The~~ 40

The board of township trustees shall not cause the township 41
clerk to send a bill pursuant to this division if a bill has 42
already been sent pursuant to division (B) of this section for the 43
same false alarm. 44

(B) The county sheriff may, after the county sheriff or the 45
sheriff's deputy, police constables, the township police, and a 46
law enforcement agency with which the township contracts for 47
police services have answered a combined total of three false 48
alarms ~~resulting from the malfunction of~~ the same commercial or 49
residential security alarm system within the unincorporated area 50
of the county in the same calendar year, mail the manager of the 51

commercial establishment or the occupant, lessee, agent, or tenant 52
of the residence a bill ~~for twenty five dollars~~ for each 53
subsequent false alarm from the same alarm system during that 54
year, to defray the costs incurred. ~~If~~ The bill's amount shall be 55
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If payment of the bill is not received within thirty days, 61
the sheriff shall send a notice by certified mail to the manager 62
and to the owner, if different, of the real estate of which the 63
commercial establishment is a part, or to the occupant, lessee, 64
agent, or tenant and to the owner, if different, of the real 65
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if just cause is not shown, the ~~sum of twenty five dollars~~ amount 71
of the bill shall be entered upon the tax duplicate, shall be a 72
lien upon the real estate from the date of the entry, and shall be 73
collected as other taxes and returned to the county treasury. ~~The~~ 74

The sheriff shall not send a bill pursuant to this division 75
if a bill has already been sent pursuant to division (A) of this 76
section for the same false alarm. 77

(C) As used in this section, "commercial establishment" has 78
the same meaning as in section 505.391 of the Revised Code. 79

Section 2. That existing section 505.511 of the Revised Code 80
is hereby repealed. 81