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LEGISLATIVE BILL 655

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds from
- 2 the General Fund to the State Fire Marshal to establish statewide
- 3 firefighting crews; and to declare an emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$1,125,000 from the
2 General Fund for FY2023-24 and (2) \$1,125,000 from the General Fund for
3 FY2024-25 to the State Fire Marshal, Program 193, for the purpose of
4 partnering with the Nebraska Forest Service by providing a state match on
5 a Community Wildfire Defense Grant to the United States and to establish
6 two statewide firefighting crews with technical expertise to support
7 rural communities, to provide extra resources for wildfires, and to
8 assist local fire departments in the prescribed burning to control the
9 spread of Eastern Red Cedar trees.

10 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
11 passed and approved according to law.