

HB 444 -- INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

SPONSOR: English

Beginning January 1, 2016, this bill authorizes a \$500 income tax deduction for a volunteer firefighter who completes during the year at least 12 hours of any firefighter training program approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal within the Department of Public Safety. Beginning January 1, 2016, if a firefighter completes at least 36 hours of training by completing the Basic Fire Fighter Program or being certified for the Fire Fighter I or II Program, the firefighter may claim a \$1,000 deduction.

The provisions of the bill will expire December 31 six years from the effective date.