Sec. 795.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "fire department" means:

(1) a volunteer fire department; or

(2) a department of a municipality, county, or special district or authority that provides fire-fighting services.


Sec. 795.002. GOOD AND DEPENDABLE CONDITION REQUIRED. (a) This chapter applies only to a fire truck in a good and dependable operating condition. A fire truck is considered to be in a good and dependable operating condition if:

(1) the truck complies with the standards established by or under state law for the operating condition of a fire truck; and

(2) the fire department that uses the truck has secured certification by an underwriters laboratory that meets NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION STANDARDS 1901.

(b) A fire truck may not be considered to be in a condition other than a good and dependable operating condition solely because the truck is 25 years old or older.


Sec. 795.003. CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS INVOLVING AGE OF FIRE TRUCK PROHIBITED. A contract, including any form of an insurance contract, or an order, ordinance, rule, or similar decree of a local government or state agency may not:

(1) restrict a fire department from using a fire truck that is 25 years old or older; or

(2) prevent any benefit from being claimed because the claim arises out of circumstances in which a fire truck that is 25 years old or older is used.