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Committee Bill No. 5532

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE POLICE OFFICERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-313a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 The authorities having the supervision of the fire department of any
4 town, city, borough or district may appoint such number of [persons]
5 fire department members, within available appropriations, as they
6 deem necessary to be fire police officers of such municipality or
7 district, who shall have the powers and perform the duties in such
8 municipality or district as designated and authorized by the fire chief
9 of such municipality or district, and such fire police officers may
10 exercise such powers and duties in any [adjoining] other municipality
11 or district while on duty with the fire department or with a
12 cooperating fire department, where the department is engaged in
13 mutual assistance. Such powers and duties shall include traffic control
14 and regulation and may be exercised by such fire police during any
15 fire drill or fire call or at any other time when such fire police are
16 serving with the fire department, with any other fire department in [an

17 adjoining] another municipality or district or with any fire department
 18 rendering mutual assistance. Each such fire police officer while in the
 19 performance of fire police duties shall wear the badge of office in plain
 20 view of any observer. Each such fire police officer, while directing
 21 traffic in performance of the duties of fire police, [(1)] shall (1) wear (A)
 22 a [white] helmet with the words "Fire Police" in red letters on the front
 23 thereof, any other headgear that meets national, state and local traffic
 24 safety standards or a regulation fire-police dress uniform cap, and
 25 [after dark or in inclement weather,] (B) a traffic safety vest, orange or
 26 lime green raincoat or any reflectorized orange or lime green outer
 27 clothing, that meets national, state and local traffic safety standards, (2)
 28 carry a flashlight, which shall have a red or orange wand and be
 29 capable of projecting a clear light for the purpose of illumination at
 30 nighttime, and (3) utilize hand-held or portable traffic control devices
 31 appropriate for the time of day, weather and traffic flow. Such helmet,
 32 cap, vest, raincoat or outer clothing, badge, traffic control equipment
 33 and flashlight [may] shall be supplied by the appointing municipality
 34 or district.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	7-313a

Statement of Purpose:

To revise equipment and other requirements for fire police officers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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