



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5483**

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND TRANSFERRING VARIOUS  
FUNCTIONS TO A DIVISION OF FIRE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND  
PUBLIC PROTECTION AND REVISING THE POWERS AND  
COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND  
CONTROL.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-1b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) There shall be within the Department of Emergency Services and  
4 Public Protection a Division of State Police. The Commissioner of  
5 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall serve as administrative  
6 head and commanding officer of the State Police Division. As  
7 administrative head, said commanding officer of the Division of State  
8 Police shall delegate said commanding officer's jurisdiction of the affairs  
9 of the Division of State Police to a deputy commissioner who shall have  
10 the powers and privileges conferred by statute upon a state policeman.

11 (b) There shall be within said department a Division of Emergency  
12 Management and Homeland Security. The commissioner shall serve as  
13 administrative head of said division. As administrative head, said  
14 commissioner shall delegate said commissioner's jurisdiction of the

15 Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to a  
16 deputy commissioner. The deputy commissioner shall possess  
17 professional training and knowledge consisting of not less than five  
18 years of managerial or strategic planning experience in matters relating  
19 to public safety, security, emergency services and emergency response.  
20 No person possessing a record of any criminal, unlawful or unethical  
21 conduct shall be eligible for or hold such position. Any person with any  
22 present or past political activities or financial interests that may  
23 substantially conflict with the duties of the deputy commissioner or  
24 expose such person to potential undue influence or compromise such  
25 person's ability to be entrusted with necessary state or federal security  
26 clearances or information shall be deemed unqualified for such position  
27 and shall not be eligible to hold such position.

28 (c) (1) There shall be within said department a Division of Fire  
29 Services Administration. The commissioner shall serve as  
30 administrative head of said division. As administrative head, said  
31 commissioner shall delegate said commissioner's jurisdiction of the  
32 Division of Fire Services Administration to the State Fire Administrator.  
33 The State Fire Administrator shall be recommended by the Commission  
34 on Fire Prevention and Control and appointed by the Governor.

35 (2) The functions, powers, duties and personnel of the former Office  
36 of State Fire Administration, Office of the State Fire Marshal and Office  
37 of Education and Data Administration within the Department of  
38 Administrative Services shall be transferred to the Division of Fire  
39 Services Administration pursuant to the provisions of sections 4-38d  
40 and 4-39.

41 (3) The Division of Fire Services Administration shall constitute the  
42 successor to the Office of State Fire Administration, the Office of the  
43 State Fire Marshal and the Office of Education and Data Administration  
44 in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39.  
45 Wherever the words "Office of State Fire Administration" or "Office of  
46 State Fire Marshal" are used in the general statutes, the words "Division  
47 of Fire Services Administration within the Department of Emergency

48 Services and Public Protection" shall be substituted in lieu thereof. Any  
49 order or regulation of the former Office of State Fire Administration,  
50 Office of the State Fire Marshal or Office of Education and Data  
51 Administration that is in force on the effective date of this section shall  
52 continue in force and effect as an order or regulation of the Division of  
53 Fire Services Administration within the Department of Emergency  
54 Services and Public Protection until amended, repealed or superseded  
55 pursuant to law.

56 Sec. 2. Section 7-323k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
57 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

58 (a) There is established a Commission on Fire Prevention and  
59 Control. [to] Until June 30, 2025, the commission shall consist of twelve  
60 members appointed by the Governor. The State Fire Marshal or his or  
61 her designee and the president of the Connecticut State Colleges and  
62 Universities or his or her designee shall serve as ex-officio, voting  
63 members of said commission. Of the twelve members appointed by the  
64 Governor, two shall represent The Connecticut State Firefighter's  
65 Association, two shall represent the Connecticut Fire Chiefs  
66 Association, two shall represent the Uniformed Professional Firefighters  
67 of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, two shall  
68 represent the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, two shall  
69 represent the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association and  
70 two shall represent the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. On  
71 and after July 1, 2025, the council shall consist of the following members:

72 (1) A member of the Connecticut Career Fire Chiefs' Association,  
73 appointed by the Governor;

74 (2) A member of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association, appointed  
75 by the Governor;

76 (3) A member of the Uniformed Professional Firefighters of the  
77 International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, appointed by the  
78 Governor;

79     (4) A member of The Connecticut State Firefighter's Association,  
80     appointed by the Governor;

81     (5) A member of the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors  
82     Association, appointed by the Governor;

83     (6) A member of the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association,  
84     appointed by the Governor;

85     (7) A member of the Connecticut Career Fire Chiefs' Association,  
86     appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

87     (8) A member of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association, appointed  
88     by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

89     (9) A member of the Uniformed Professional Firefighters of the  
90     International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, appointed by the  
91     majority leader of the House of Representatives;

92     (10) A member of The Connecticut State Firefighter's Association,  
93     appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

94     (11) A member of the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors  
95     Association, appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
96     Representatives;

97     (12) A member of the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association,  
98     appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

99     (13) A representative of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns,  
100     appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of  
101     the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
102     safety and security;

103     (14) A representative of the Connecticut Conference of  
104     Municipalities, appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint  
105     standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
106     matters relating to public safety and security;

107     (15) A member of the Connecticut Fire Equipment Mechanics  
108     Association, appointed by the House ranking member of the joint  
109     standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
110     matters relating to public safety and security;

111     (16) A representative of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory  
112     Board, appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint standing  
113     committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
114     relating to public safety and security;

115     (17) The chairperson of the education committee of the Connecticut  
116     State Firefighters Association, Inc.;

117     (18) The State Fire Marshal, or said State Fire Marshal's designee;

118     (19) The forest protection supervisor within the Forestry Division of  
119     the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;

120     (20) The director of the Division of Emergency Management and  
121     Homeland Security within the Department of Emergency Services and  
122     Public Protection, or said director's designee, who shall be a nonvoting  
123     member;

124     (21) The director of the Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit of the  
125     Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services  
126     and Public Protection, who shall be a nonvoting member; and

127     (22) The executive director of the Connecticut Technical Education  
128     and Career System, or said executive director's designee, who shall be a  
129     nonvoting member.

130     (b) On or before July fifteenth, annually, each organization to be  
131     represented on said commission shall submit to the [Governor]  
132     appropriate appointing authority a list of nominees for appointment to  
133     said commission, which list the [Governor] appointing authority may  
134     use when making appointments to said commission. [On or before  
135     September 1, 1975, the Governor shall appoint eight members of said

136 commission to serve for a term of three years and on or before  
137 September 1, 1976, he shall appoint four members for a term of one year.  
138 Thereafter he] Appointing authorities shall appoint members to said  
139 commission, to replace those whose terms have expired, to serve for  
140 three years, or until a successor is appointed. Persons appointed to said  
141 commission shall be qualified, by experience or education, in the fields  
142 of fire protection, fire prevention, fire suppression, fire fighting and  
143 related fields.

144 (c) The commission shall meet at such times and at such places as it  
145 deems proper. Said commission shall elect from its membership a  
146 [chairman, vice chairman] chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary  
147 who shall serve a one year term commencing on October first of the year  
148 in which they are elected, provided nothing contained herein shall  
149 prevent their reelection to such office. No member of said commission  
150 shall receive compensation for such member's services.

151 (d) Members of the commission shall not be considered as holding  
152 public office solely by virtue of their membership on said commission.

153 (e) The members of the education committee of the Connecticut State  
154 Firefighters Association, Inc., shall serve as a subcommittee of the  
155 commission on matters relating to fire schools.

156 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) The commission shall be within the Department of Emergency  
157 Services and Public Protection.

158 Sec. 3. Section 7-323l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
159 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

160 (a) The commission shall:

161 (1) [Recommend] Establish and periodically update required  
162 minimum standards of education and physical condition [required of  
163 each candidate] for candidates for any firefighter position;

164 (2) Establish and periodically update required standards for [a] fire

165 service training and education [program, on a voluntary basis]  
166 programs, and develop and conduct an examination program to certify  
167 those fire service personnel who satisfactorily demonstrate their ability  
168 to meet the requirements of the fire service training and education  
169 program standards;

170 (3) Establish [an optional] a required fire service training and  
171 education program in the handling of incidents, such as wandering, that  
172 involve juveniles and adults with autism spectrum disorder, cognitive  
173 impairment or nonverbal learning disorder, provided the curriculum  
174 for such techniques is made available at no cost from (A) institutions of  
175 higher education, health care professionals or advocacy organizations  
176 that are concerned with juveniles and adults with autism spectrum  
177 disorder, cognitive impairment or nonverbal learning disorder, or (B)  
178 collaborations of such institutions, professionals or organizations;

179 (4) Conduct fire fighting training and education programs designed  
180 to assist firefighters in developing and maintaining their skills and  
181 keeping abreast of technological advances in fire suppression, fire  
182 protection, fire prevention and related fields;

183 (5) [Recommend] Establish standards for promotion to the various  
184 ranks of fire departments;

185 (6) Be authorized, with the approval of the Commissioner of  
186 Emergency Services and Public Protection, to apply for, receive and  
187 distribute any state, federal or private funds or contributions available  
188 for training and education of fire fighting personnel;

189 (7) Recommend that the Commissioner of Emergency Services and  
190 Public Protection approve or reject the establishment of, or, when  
191 appropriate, suspend or revoke the approval of, regional fire schools in  
192 accordance with section 7-323u; [and]

193 (8) Distribute any state, federal or private funds or contributions for  
194 the daily operation of the state fire school and regional fire schools; and

195 [(8)] (9) Submit to the Governor, the [Joint Legislative Management  
196 Committee of the General Assembly] joint standing committee of the  
197 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety  
198 and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, and the  
199 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection an annual  
200 report (A) relating to the activities, recommendations and  
201 accomplishments of the commission, and (B) making recommendations  
202 on the funding necessary for the operation of, the maintenance of and  
203 capital improvements to the state fire school and regional fire schools.

204 (b) The commission may recommend, and the Commissioner of  
205 Emergency Services and Public Protection may adopt, regulations in  
206 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 as necessary to implement  
207 the provisions of this section.

208 Sec. 4. Section 7-323n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
209 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

210 [There is established an Office of State Fire Administration, which  
211 office] The Division of State Fire Services Administration within the  
212 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall: [(a)] (1)  
213 Carry out the provisions of this part; [(b)] (2) administer the state's  
214 responsibilities under federal laws relevant to fire service; [(c)] (3)  
215 develop a master plan for fire prevention and control; and [(d)] (4) carry  
216 out any other function which the commission may devise. [Subject to  
217 the provisions of chapter 67, the commission may appoint such clerical  
218 and other assistants as it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions  
219 of this section.]

220 Sec. 5. Section 7-323o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
221 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

222 [There is established the position of State Fire Administrator who  
223 shall be recommended by the Commission on Fire Prevention and  
224 Control and appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and  
225 Public Protection and who] (a) The Division of Fire Services



226 Administration shall:

227 [(1) Carry out the requirements of section 7-323n; (2) administer]

228 (1) Administer federal funds and grants allocated to the fire services  
229 of the state; [(3) provide]

230 (2) Provide technical assistance and guidance to fire fighting forces of  
231 any state or municipal agency; [(4) develop]

232 (3) Develop a centralized information and audiovisual library  
233 regarding fire prevention and control; [(5) accumulate]

234 (4) Accumulate, disseminate and analyze fire prevention data; [(6)  
235 recommend]

236 (5) Recommend specifications of fire service materials and equipment  
237 and assist in the purchasing thereof; [(7) assist]

238 (6) Assist in mutual aid coordination; [(8) coordinate]

239 (7) Coordinate fire programs with those of the other states; [(9) assist]

240 (8) Assist in communications coordination; [(10) establish]

241 (9) Establish and maintain a fire service information program; [and  
242 (11) review]

243 (10) Review the purchase of fire apparatus or equipment at state  
244 institutions, facilities and properties; [and, on and after July 1, 1985,  
245 coordinate the training and education of fire service personnel at such  
246 institutions, facilities and properties.]

247 (11) Recommend and provide reports on revisions to statutes relating  
248 to firefighter training and fire prevention and control;

249 (12) Advise and assist the Commission on Fire Prevention and  
250 Control regarding legislative proposals;

251     (13) Encourage the expansion and improvement of existing local  
252 firefighter training facilities in cooperation with the Commission on Fire  
253 Prevention and Control;

254     (14) Administer the state fire school;

255     (15) Administer certification examinations, testing procedures and  
256 reciprocity recognition for credentials in the fire service disciplines; and

257     (16) Make recommendations to the Commission on Fire Prevention  
258 and Control pertaining to the operational funding of the state fire school  
259 and regional fire schools.

260     **(b)** The provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to  
261 forest fire prevention and control programs administered by the  
262 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to  
263 sections 23-33 to 23-57, inclusive.

264     Sec. 6. Section 5-198 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is  
265 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
266 *2025*):

267     The offices and positions filled by the following-described  
268 incumbents shall be exempt from the classified service:

269     (1) All officers and employees of the Judicial Department;

270     (2) All officers and employees of the Legislative Department;

271     (3) All officers elected by popular vote;

272     (4) All agency heads, members of boards and commissions and other  
273 officers appointed by the Governor;

274     (5) All persons designated by name in any special act to hold any state  
275 office;

276     (6) All officers, noncommissioned officers and enlisted men in the

277 military or naval service of the state and under military or naval  
278 discipline and control;

279 (7) (A) All correctional wardens, as provided in section 18-82, and (B)  
280 all superintendents of state institutions, the State Librarian, the  
281 president of The University of Connecticut and any other commissioner  
282 or administrative head of a state department or institution who is  
283 appointed by a board or commission responsible by statute for the  
284 administration of such department or institution;

285 (8) The State Historian appointed by the State Library Board;

286 (9) Deputies to the administrative head of each department or  
287 institution designated by statute to act for and perform all of the duties  
288 of such administrative head during such administrative head's absence  
289 or incapacity;

290 (10) Executive assistants to each state elective officer and each  
291 department head, as defined in section 4-5, provided (A) each position  
292 of executive assistant shall have been created in accordance with section  
293 5-214, and (B) in no event shall the Commissioner of Administrative  
294 Services or the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management  
295 approve more than four executive assistants for a department head and,  
296 for any department with two or more deputies, more than two executive  
297 assistants for each such deputy;

298 (11) One personal secretary to the administrative head and to each  
299 undersecretary or deputy to such head of each department or  
300 institution;

301 (12) All members of the professional and technical staffs of the  
302 constituent units of the state system of higher education, as defined in  
303 section 10a-1, of all other state institutions of learning, of the Board of  
304 Regents for Higher Education, and of the agricultural experiment  
305 station at New Haven, professional and managerial employees of the  
306 Department of Education and the Office of Early Childhood, teachers  
307 and administrators employed by the Technical Education and Career

308 System and teachers certified by the State Board of Education and  
309 employed in teaching positions at state institutions;

310 (13) Physicians, dentists, student nurses in institutions and other  
311 professional specialists who are employed on a part-time basis;

312 (14) Persons employed to make or conduct a special inquiry,  
313 investigation, examination or installation;

314 (15) Students in educational institutions who are employed on a part-  
315 time basis;

316 (16) Forest fire wardens provided for by section 23-36;

317 (17) Patients or inmates of state institutions who receive  
318 compensation for services rendered therein;

319 (18) Employees of the Governor including employees working at the  
320 executive office, official executive residence at 990 Prospect Avenue,  
321 Hartford and the Washington D.C. office;

322 (19) Persons filling positions expressly exempted by statute from the  
323 classified service;

324 (20) Librarians employed by the State Board of Education or any  
325 constituent unit of the state system of higher education;

326 (21) All officers and employees of the Division of Criminal Justice;

327 (22) Professional employees in the education professions bargaining  
328 unit of the Department of Aging and Disability Services;

329 (23) Lieutenant colonels in the Division of State Police within the  
330 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection;

331 (24) The Deputy State Fire Marshal within the Department of  
332 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection;

333 (25) The chief administrative officer of the Workers' Compensation

334 Commission;

335 (26) Employees in the education professions bargaining unit;

336 (27) Disability policy specialists employed by the Council on  
337 Developmental Disabilities;

338 (28) The director for digital media and motion picture activities in the  
339 Department of Economic and Community Development; and

340 (29) Any Director of Communications 1, Director of Communications  
341 1 (Rc), Director of Communications 2, Director of Communications 2  
342 (Rc), Legislative Program Manager, Communications and Legislative  
343 Program Manager, Director of Legislation, Regulation and  
344 Communication, Legislative and Administrative Advisor 1, or  
345 Legislative and Administrative Advisor 2 as such positions are  
346 classified within the Executive Department.

347 Sec. 7. Section 7-313m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
348 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

349 (a) Not later than January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the chief  
350 of a volunteer fire department for a distressed municipality, as defined  
351 in section 32-9p, shall submit to the [State Fire Administrator] Division  
352 of Fire Services Administration within the Department of Emergency  
353 Services and Public Protection a report on the yearly average of the  
354 number of volunteer firefighters from such municipality's volunteer fire  
355 department who enrolled in Firefighter I certification and recruit  
356 training based on the preceding four years, except the year commencing  
357 January 1, 2020, shall not be included in any such four preceding years  
358 for purposes of calculating such average.

359 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year  
360 thereafter, the [State Fire Administrator] Division of Fire Services  
361 Administration shall award a grant to any distressed municipality with  
362 a volunteer fire department for the purposes of covering costs related to  
363 the provision of Firefighter I certification and recruit training for

364 volunteer firefighters at regional fire schools. The amount of such grant  
365 award for each such distressed municipality shall be equal to the  
366 product of (1) the average cost of a Firefighter I certification and recruit  
367 training program at a regional fire school, and (2) the average number  
368 of volunteer firefighters from such distressed municipality's volunteer  
369 fire department who enrolled at a regional fire school for such  
370 certification and training.

371 (c) Not later than February 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the [State  
372 Fire Administrator] Division of Fire Services Administration shall  
373 submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint  
374 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
375 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies a  
376 report on the (1) reports submitted by the chiefs of volunteer fire  
377 departments of distressed municipalities pursuant to subsection (a) of  
378 this section, and (2) average cost of a Firefighter I certification and  
379 recruit training program at a regional fire school.

380 Sec. 8. Section 7-323s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
381 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

382 (a) The [State Fire Administrator] Division of Fire Services  
383 Administration within the Department of Emergency Services and  
384 Public Protection, within available appropriations, shall develop model  
385 guidelines, on or before January 1, 2007, to be used by municipalities  
386 with paid municipal emergency personnel and municipalities with  
387 volunteer emergency personnel in entering into agreements authorizing  
388 volunteer emergency personnel to serve during personal time.

389 (b) A municipality with paid municipal emergency personnel and a  
390 municipality with volunteer emergency personnel may enter into an  
391 agreement authorizing paid emergency personnel to serve during  
392 personal time as active members of a volunteer fire department in the  
393 municipality in which they reside. In developing such agreements, such  
394 municipalities shall consider the model guidelines developed by the  
395 [State Fire Administrator] Division of Fire Services Administration

396 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
397 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

398 (c) The municipalities that are parties to an agreement entered into  
399 under subsection (b) of this section may request the Labor  
400 Commissioner to provide assistance, within available appropriations, in  
401 resolving such issues arising out of the agreement as the commissioner  
402 deems appropriate.

403 Sec. 9. Section 7-323v of the general statutes is repealed and the  
404 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

405 (a) The [State Fire Administrator] Division of Fire Services  
406 Administration within the Department of Emergency Services and  
407 Public Protection shall, within available appropriations, pay five  
408 hundred dollars to each volunteer fire company for each call to which it  
409 responds on (1) a limited access highway, designated pursuant to  
410 section 13b-27, (2) the section of the highway known as the Berlin  
411 Turnpike, which begins at the end of the existing Wilbur Cross Parkway  
412 in the town of Meriden and extends northerly along Route 15 to the  
413 beginning of a section of limited access highway in the town of  
414 Wethersfield known as South Meadows Expressway, or (3) the section  
415 of Route 8 in the town of Beacon Falls which is within the boundaries of  
416 the Naugatuck State Forest.

417 (b) No municipality that provides funds to a volunteer fire company  
418 may reduce such funding based on the payments that such company  
419 receives, or is anticipated to receive, under subsection (a) of this section.

420 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 14-103d of the general statutes is  
421 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
422 *2025*):

423 (a) No motor vehicle which uses any pressurized gas except natural  
424 gas or hydrogen as a fuel for its engine may enter or be parked in any  
425 area that is under grade level. Any vehicle within the state which carries  
426 any pressurized gas as its fuel in a tank attached to the vehicle in any

427 concealed area, including, but not limited to, trunks, compartments or  
428 under such vehicle, except a vehicle that is in compliance with all  
429 applicable federal codes and standards for light duty passenger use,  
430 shall have displayed on its exterior the words "Pressurized Flammable  
431 Gas" or a standard abbreviation or symbol as determined by the [Office  
432 of the State Fire Marshal] Division of Fire Services Administration  
433 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in  
434 block letters at least two inches high, which letters shall be of contrasting  
435 colors and shall be placed as near as possible to the area where the tank  
436 is located. No person may dispense any pressurized gas used as a  
437 vehicle fuel into any tank in a concealed area of a vehicle unless the  
438 vehicle is in compliance with the requirements of this subsection. The  
439 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in accordance  
440 with the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the provisions of this  
441 section.

442 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 19a-510a of the general statutes is  
443 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
444 *2025*):

445 (a) The attending physician, the director of a health care institution,  
446 his designee, or any health care provider shall report the provision of  
447 treatment for (1) a second or third degree burn to five per cent or more  
448 of the body, (2) any burn to the upper respiratory tract, (3) laryngeal  
449 edema due to the inhalation of superheated air, (4) each case of a burn  
450 injury which is likely to or may result in death, and (5) any injury  
451 resulting from the use of fireworks, immediately, by telephone, to the  
452 local fire marshal of the jurisdiction where the incident which caused  
453 the burn occurred, and within forty-eight hours, in writing, to the  
454 [Office of the State Fire Marshal] Division of Fire Services  
455 Administration within the Department of Emergency Services and  
456 Public Protection on forms provided by that office. The office shall  
457 compile the information and publish a statistical abstract to be  
458 submitted annually to local fire marshals and the General Assembly.

459 Sec. 12. Subdivision (10) of section 20-330 of the general statutes is



460 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
461 *2025*):

462 (10) "State Fire Marshal" means the State Fire Marshal appointed by  
463 the Commissioner of [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and  
464 Public Protection;

465 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 29-1ff of the general statutes is  
466 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
467 *2025*):

468 (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,  
469 in consultation with [the Commissioner of Administrative Services,] the  
470 State Fire Marshal, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management  
471 and the chairman of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control,  
472 shall, within available appropriations, establish and administer a pilot  
473 program for the purpose of implementing a data collection system  
474 related to fire and rescue service delivery in the state. For a period of  
475 three years commencing from July 1, 2022, the commissioner shall  
476 administer such pilot program in any local or regional fire department  
477 or district that has self-identified as challenged or in crisis regarding the  
478 delivery of fire and rescue services.

479 Sec. 14. Section 29-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
480 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

481 There shall be [(1) an Office of the State Fire Marshal, and (2)] an  
482 Office of the State Building Inspector, within the Department of  
483 Administrative Services. The head of [each] said office shall report to the  
484 Commissioner of Administrative Services.

485 Sec. 15. Section 29-291 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
486 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

487 For the purposes of this part and any other statute related to fire  
488 prevention and safety, the Commissioner of [Administrative Services]  
489 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall appoint a person to

490 serve as the State Fire Marshal. The commissioner may delegate such  
491 powers as the commissioner deems expedient for the proper  
492 administration of this part and any other statute related to fire  
493 prevention and safety to any employee of (1) the Department of  
494 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection, (2)  
495 The University of Connecticut at Storrs Division of Public Safety,  
496 provided the commissioner and the president of The University of  
497 Connecticut enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning  
498 such delegation of powers in accordance with section 10a-109ff, and (3)  
499 the Connecticut Airport Authority upon any premises, road or land  
500 under the control of the authority, provided the commissioner and the  
501 executive director of the authority enter into a memorandum of  
502 understanding concerning such delegation of powers.

503 Sec. 16. Section 29-291e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
504 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

505 (a) For the purposes of this section, "proposed code" means a  
506 proposal by the State Fire Marshal, in coordination with the advisory  
507 committee for a new State Fire Prevention Code or for a change in,  
508 addition to or repeal of any provision of the State Fire Prevention Code  
509 and "advisory committee" means the advisory committee established  
510 under subsection (b) of section 29-291a.

511 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 54, the adoption of the  
512 State Fire Prevention Code and any amendments thereto shall not be  
513 required to comply with the provisions of chapter 54, except as provided  
514 in this section.

515 (c) Prior to the adoption of the State Fire Prevention Code and any  
516 amendments thereto, the State Fire Marshal shall (1) post any proposed  
517 code, a statement of purpose for which the proposed code is proposed,  
518 a fiscal note associated with compliance with the proposed code  
519 prepared pursuant to section 4-168 and a regulatory flexibility analysis  
520 prepared pursuant to section 4-168a on the Internet web site of the  
521 Department of [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and

522 Public Protection, (2) give notice electronically to the joint standing  
523 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
524 relating to public safety and security, (3) give notice to any person who  
525 has requested the State Fire Marshal for advance notice of the proposed  
526 code adoption proceedings, (4) provide for a public comment period of  
527 forty-five days following the posting of such proposed code, fiscal note  
528 and regulatory flexibility analysis, and (5) hold a public hearing on the  
529 proposed code not less than twenty nor more than thirty-five days after  
530 such posting.

531 (d) After the close of the public comment period, the State Fire  
532 Marshal, in coordination with the advisory committee, shall respond to  
533 each written and oral comment respecting the proposed code received  
534 during the public comment period and at the public hearing. Such  
535 response shall include any change made to the proposed code if  
536 applicable, and the rationale for such change. The State Fire Marshal  
537 shall post such response on the Internet web site of the Department of  
538 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection not  
539 later than thirty days after the close of the public comment period.

540 (e) The State Fire Marshal, in coordination with the advisory  
541 committee, shall create and maintain a code-making record for each  
542 proposed code, submit such code-making record electronically to the  
543 standing legislative regulation review committee and the joint standing  
544 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
545 relating to public safety and security, and post such code-making record  
546 on the Internet web site of the Department of [Administrative Services]  
547 Emergency Services and Public Protection. Such code-making record  
548 shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The final wording of the  
549 proposed code in a format consistent with a nationally recognized  
550 model building code, (2) the fiscal note prepared pursuant to subsection  
551 (c) of this section, (3) the regulatory flexibility analysis prepared  
552 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (4) all written and oral  
553 comments received during the public comment period, and (5) the  
554 response to such comments prepared pursuant to subsection (d) of this

555 section.

556 (f) The standing legislative regulation review committee shall have  
557 not more than forty-five days from the date the code-making record is  
558 submitted to the committee pursuant to subsection (e) of this section to  
559 convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject without prejudice  
560 the proposed code, in whole or in part. If the proposed code is  
561 withdrawn, the State Fire Marshal shall resubmit the proposed code and  
562 the committee shall have not more than forty-five days from the date of  
563 such resubmittal to convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject  
564 without prejudice the resubmitted proposed code. If the committee  
565 notifies the State Fire Marshal in writing that it is waiving its right to  
566 convene a meeting or does not act on a proposed code or a resubmitted  
567 proposed code, as the case may be, within such forty-five-day period,  
568 the proposed code or resubmitted proposed code shall be deemed to be  
569 approved by the committee.

570 (g) If the committee disapproves a proposed code, in whole or in part,  
571 the committee shall notify the State Fire Marshal of the disapproval and  
572 the reasons for the disapproval. The State Fire Marshal shall not take  
573 any action to implement such disapproved code, except that the State  
574 Fire Marshal may submit a substantively new proposed code in  
575 accordance with the provisions of this section, provided the General  
576 Assembly may reverse such disapproval in accordance with the  
577 provisions of section 4-171.

578 (h) If the committee rejects a proposed code without prejudice, in  
579 whole or in part, the committee shall notify the State Fire Marshal of the  
580 reasons for the rejection and the State Fire Marshal shall resubmit the  
581 proposed code in revised form to the committee not later than thirty  
582 days after the date of rejection without prejudice. Each resubmission of  
583 the proposed code under this subsection shall include a summary of any  
584 revisions to the proposed code. The committee shall have not more than  
585 forty-five days after the receipt of the resubmittal to review and take  
586 action on such resubmitted proposed code in the same manner as  
587 provided in subsection (f) of this section.

588 (i) The State Fire Prevention Code or any amendment thereto  
589 approved or deemed approved by the committee pursuant to subsection  
590 (f) of this section is effective and enforceable against any person or party  
591 upon its posting on the Internet web site of the Department of  
592 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection,  
593 except that: (1) If a later date is required by statute or specified in the  
594 code, the later date is the effective date, and (2) a code may not be  
595 effective before the effective date of the public act requiring or  
596 permitting the code. Such posting shall include a statement by the State  
597 Fire Marshal certifying that the electronic copy of the code is a true and  
598 accurate copy of the code approved or deemed approved in accordance  
599 with subsection (f) of this section. The electronic copy of the State Fire  
600 Prevention Code posted on the Internet web site of the Department of  
601 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection  
602 shall be the official version for all purposes, including all legal and  
603 administrative proceedings.

604 (j) No provision of the State Fire Prevention Code or any amendment  
605 thereto adopted after May 31, 2016, is valid unless adopted in  
606 substantial compliance with the requirements of this section. A  
607 proceeding to contest any provision of the code on the ground of  
608 noncompliance with the requirements of this section shall be  
609 commenced within two years from the effective date of the code.

610 (k) The State Fire Marshal shall advise the public concerning how to  
611 obtain a copy of the State Fire Prevention Code and any amendments  
612 thereto.

613 Sec. 17. Section 29-292a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
614 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

615 (a) For the purposes of this section, "proposed code" means a  
616 proposal by the State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards  
617 Committee for a new Fire Safety Code or for a change in, addition to or  
618 repeal of any provision of the Fire Safety Code.

619 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 54, the adoption of the  
620 Fire Safety Code and any amendments thereto shall not be required to  
621 comply with the provisions of chapter 54, except as provided in this  
622 section.

623 (c) Prior to the adoption of the Fire Safety Code and any amendments  
624 thereto, the State Fire Marshal shall (1) post any proposed code, a  
625 statement of purpose for which the proposed code is proposed, a fiscal  
626 note associated with compliance with the proposed code prepared  
627 pursuant to section 4-168, and a regulatory flexibility analysis prepared  
628 pursuant to section 4-168a on the Internet web site of the Department of  
629 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection, (2)  
630 give notice electronically to the joint standing committee of the General  
631 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and  
632 security, (3) give notice to any person who has requested the State Fire  
633 Marshal for advance notice of the proposed code adoption proceedings,  
634 (4) provide for a public comment period of forty-five days following the  
635 posting of such proposed code, fiscal note and regulatory flexibility  
636 analysis, and (5) hold a public hearing on the proposed code not less  
637 than twenty nor more than thirty-five days after such posting.

638 (d) After the close of the public comment period, the State Fire  
639 Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee shall respond to each  
640 written and oral comment respecting the proposed code received  
641 during the public comment period and at the public hearing. Such  
642 response shall include any change made to the proposed code if  
643 applicable, and the rationale for such change. The State Fire Marshal  
644 shall post such response on the Internet web site of the Department of  
645 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection not  
646 later than thirty days after the close of the public comment period.

647 (e) The State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee  
648 shall create and maintain a code-making record for each proposed code,  
649 submit such code-making record electronically to the standing  
650 legislative regulation review committee and the joint standing  
651 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

652 relating to public safety and security, and post such code-making record  
653 on the Internet web site of the Department of [Administrative Services]  
654 Emergency Services and Public Protection. Such code-making record  
655 shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The final wording of the  
656 proposed code in a format consistent with a nationally recognized  
657 model building code, (2) the fiscal note prepared pursuant to subsection  
658 (c) of this section, (3) the regulatory flexibility analysis prepared  
659 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (4) all written and oral  
660 comments received during the public comment period, and (5) the  
661 response to such comments prepared pursuant to subsection (d) of this  
662 section.

663 (f) The standing legislative regulation review committee shall have  
664 not more than forty-five days from the date the code-making record is  
665 submitted to the committee pursuant to subsection (e) of this section to  
666 convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject without prejudice  
667 the proposed code, in whole or in part. If the proposed code is  
668 withdrawn, the State Fire Marshal shall resubmit the proposed code and  
669 the committee shall have not more than forty-five days from the date of  
670 such resubmittal to convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject  
671 without prejudice the resubmitted proposed code. If the committee  
672 notifies the State Fire Marshal in writing that it is waiving its right to  
673 convene a meeting or does not act on a proposed code or a resubmitted  
674 proposed code, as the case may be, within such forty-five-day period,  
675 the proposed code or resubmitted proposed code shall be deemed to be  
676 approved by the committee.

677 (g) If the committee disapproves a proposed code, in whole or in part,  
678 the committee shall notify the State Fire Marshal of the disapproval and  
679 the reasons for the disapproval. The State Fire Marshal shall not take  
680 any action to implement such disapproved code, except that the State  
681 Fire Marshal may submit a substantively new proposed code in  
682 accordance with the provisions of this section, provided the General  
683 Assembly may reverse such disapproval in accordance with the  
684 provisions of section 4-171.

685 (h) If the committee rejects a proposed code without prejudice, in  
686 whole or in part, the committee shall notify the State Fire Marshal of the  
687 reasons for the rejection and the State Fire Marshal shall resubmit the  
688 proposed code in revised form to the committee not later than thirty  
689 days after the date of rejection without prejudice. Each resubmission of  
690 the proposed code under this subsection shall include a summary of any  
691 revisions to the proposed code. The committee shall have not more than  
692 forty-five days after the receipt of the resubmittal to review and take  
693 action on such resubmitted proposed code in the same manner as  
694 provided in subsection (f) of this section.

695 (i) The Fire Safety Code or any amendment thereto approved or  
696 deemed approved by the committee pursuant to subsection (f) of this  
697 section is effective and enforceable against any person or party upon its  
698 posting on the Internet web site of the Department of [Administrative  
699 Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection, except that: (1) If a  
700 later date is required by statute or specified in the code, the later date is  
701 the effective date, and (2) a code may not be effective before the effective  
702 date of the public act requiring or permitting the code. Such posting  
703 shall include a statement by the State Fire Marshal certifying that the  
704 electronic copy of the code is a true and accurate copy of the code  
705 approved or deemed approved in accordance with subsection (f) of this  
706 section. The electronic copy of the Fire Safety Code posted on the  
707 Internet web site of the Department of [Administrative Services]  
708 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall be the official version  
709 for all purposes, including all legal and administrative proceedings.

710 (j) No provision of the Fire Safety Code or any amendment thereto  
711 adopted after May 31, 2016, is valid unless adopted in substantial  
712 compliance with the requirements of this section. A proceeding to  
713 contest any provision of the code on the ground of noncompliance with  
714 the requirements of this section shall be commenced within two years  
715 from the effective date of the code.

716 (k) The State Fire Marshal shall advise the public concerning how to  
717 obtain a copy of the Fire Safety Code and any amendments thereto.



718 Sec. 18. Section 29-294 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
719 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

720 The Fire Safety Code and all amendments to said code shall be posted  
721 on the Internet web site of the Department of [Administrative Services]  
722 Emergency Services and Public Protection in accordance with section  
723 29-292a, as amended by this act, and, in addition, a copy shall be  
724 provided to each local fire marshal, fire chief and building inspector,  
725 and other governmental officials who request said code.

726 Sec. 19. Section 29-298a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
727 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

728 There shall be established within the Department of [Administrative  
729 Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection a Fire Marshal  
730 Training Council which shall advise the State Fire Marshal and the  
731 Codes and Standards Committee on all matters pertaining to (1)  
732 certification training programs, (2) decertification hearings, (3) in-  
733 service training for fire marshals in the state, and (4) programs for all  
734 other persons eligible to receive training pursuant to subsections (a) to  
735 (c), inclusive, of section 29-251c. The council shall be composed of  
736 twelve members as follows: The State Fire Marshal or his designee; a  
737 member of the Codes and Standards Committee to be elected by such  
738 committee; three members appointed by the Connecticut Fire Marshals  
739 Association, one of whom shall be a volunteer, one of whom shall be a  
740 part-time paid, and one of whom shall be a full-time, local fire marshal,  
741 deputy fire marshal or fire inspector; one member appointed by the  
742 Board of Regents for Higher Education; two members appointed by the  
743 Board of Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges; the chief  
744 elected official of a municipality having a population in excess of  
745 seventy thousand persons, appointed by the Governor; the chief elected  
746 official of a municipality having a population of less than seventy  
747 thousand persons, appointed by the Governor; and two public  
748 members, appointed by the Governor. Members shall be residents of  
749 this state and shall not be compensated for their services but shall be  
750 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their

751 duties. The council may elect such officers as it deems necessary.

752 Sec. 20. Section 29-312 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
753 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

754 The Commissioner of [Administrative Services] Emergency Services  
755 and Public Protection may appoint a Deputy State Fire Marshal who  
756 shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the [Commissioner  
757 of Administrative Services] commissioner and be vested with all the  
758 powers conferred upon the State Fire Marshal by section 29-310.

759 Sec. 21. Section 29-315c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
760 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

761 The Commissioner of [Administrative Services] Emergency Services  
762 and Public Protection may establish, within available appropriations, a  
763 public awareness campaign to educate the public concerning the  
764 dangers of not having smoke and carbon monoxide detection and  
765 warning equipment in residential dwellings and to promote the  
766 installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detection and warning  
767 equipment in all residential dwellings.

768 Sec. 22. Section 29-319 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
769 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

770 As used herein, "emergency" means the existence in any community  
771 of general distress because of a shortage of fuel, or threatened distress  
772 because of probable shortage of fuel, when public proclamation to that  
773 effect is made by the Governor; "hoard" means the withholding by any  
774 person, firm or corporation dealing in fuel of the same from sale or  
775 delivery at a reasonable price during an emergency; and "profiteer"  
776 means to hold for sale, or sell, fuel at an excessive profit, or charge an  
777 excessive rate or place unreasonable restrictions or conditions upon the  
778 sale, delivery or transportation of fuel. Whenever the Governor, by  
779 public proclamation, declares that an emergency exists, the provisions  
780 hereof may be enforced from the date of such proclamation until, in like  
781 manner, he declares the emergency at an end. During such emergency,

782 no person, firm or corporation, and no employee of any person, firm or  
783 corporation, shall hoard or profiteer in fuel, or hinder or obstruct or in  
784 any way interfere with its prompt sale, distribution or transportation.  
785 Each person, firm or corporation dealing in fuel shall make and keep  
786 accurate and complete written records of all transactions concerning the  
787 same, showing, as to each purchase and sale, the date, kind, quantity  
788 and price, the name and address of the vendor and vendee and the  
789 identity of the agency of delivery. No person, firm or corporation shall  
790 knowingly give any false, deceiving or misleading information, or  
791 knowingly engage in any transaction that is calculated to create false,  
792 deceiving or misleading information, or knowingly incorporate or  
793 permit to remain in his or its books, accounts or other printed or written  
794 record any information that is calculated to create or convey false,  
795 deceiving or misleading information essential to the ascertainment of  
796 the facts concerning his or its dealings and profit in fuel. During any  
797 emergency, the Labor Commissioner, any member of the Labor  
798 Department under his direction and any local fire marshal shall have  
799 and exercise, in the enforcement of this section, the same powers of  
800 investigation, as far as applicable, as are conferred upon local fire  
801 marshals under the provisions of this part, and the commissioner, in the  
802 enforcement of this section, shall have and exercise the same powers, as  
803 far as applicable, as are conferred upon the Commissioner of  
804 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection by  
805 the provisions of section 29-310. Any person, firm or corporation  
806 violating any provision of this section shall be fined not more than one  
807 thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

808 Sec. 23. Subsection (b) of section 29-417 of the general statutes is  
809 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
810 *2025*):

811 (b) Cigarettes to be sold, or offered for sale, to consumers within this  
812 state, whether directly or through a distributor, dealer, or similar  
813 intermediary or intermediaries, shall: (1) Have been tested in  
814 accordance with the test method specified in section 29-418, as amended

815 by this act, and meet the performance standard specified in section 29-  
816 418, as amended by this act; (2) have been listed in a written certification  
817 submitted to the [Office of the State Fire Marshal] Division of Fire  
818 Services Administration within the Department of Emergency Services  
819 and Public Protection in accordance with section 29-419, as amended by  
820 this act; and (3) be in packages marked in accordance with section 29-  
821 421.

822 Sec. 24. Section 29-418 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
823 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

824 (a) All testing by or on behalf of a holder of a cigarette manufacturer's  
825 license or by or on behalf of the [Office of the State Fire Marshal]  
826 Division of Fire Services Administration within the Department of  
827 Emergency Services and Public Protection to determine a cigarette's  
828 compliance with the performance standard specified in this section shall  
829 be conducted in accordance with the following requirements:

830 (1) Testing of cigarettes shall be conducted in accordance with the  
831 American Society of Testing and Materials or "ASTM" standard E2187-  
832 04, "Standard Test Method for Measuring the Ignition Strength of  
833 Cigarettes" or a subsequent ASTM Standard Test Method for Measuring  
834 the Ignition Strength of Cigarettes upon a finding by the State Fire  
835 Marshal that such subsequent method does not result in a change in the  
836 percentage of full-length burns exhibited by any tested cigarette when  
837 compared to the percentage of full-length burns the same cigarette  
838 would exhibit when tested in accordance with ASTM standard E2187-  
839 04 and the performance standard in subdivision (3) of this subsection;

840 (2) Testing shall be conducted on ten layers of filter paper;

841 (3) Not more than twenty-five per cent of the cigarettes tested in a test  
842 trial in accordance with this section shall exhibit full-length burns. Forty  
843 replicate tests shall comprise a complete test trial for each cigarette  
844 tested;

845 (4) The performance standard required by this section shall only be

846 applied to a complete test trial;

847 (5) Written certifications shall be based upon testing conducted by a  
848 laboratory that has been accredited pursuant to standard ISO or IEC  
849 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization or such  
850 other comparable accreditation standard as the [Office of the State Fire  
851 Marshal] Division of Fire Services Administration within the  
852 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection may require  
853 by regulation;

854 (6) Laboratories conducting testing in accordance with this section  
855 shall implement a quality control and quality assurance program that  
856 includes a procedure that will determine the repeatability of the testing  
857 results. The repeatability value shall be no greater than 0.19. Such  
858 program ensures that the testing repeatability remains within the  
859 required repeatability value set forth in this subdivision for all test trials  
860 used to certify cigarettes in accordance with this section and section 29-  
861 419, as amended by this act; and

862 (7) No additional testing under this section is required if cigarettes  
863 are tested consistent with this section for any other purpose.

864 (b) Each cigarette that uses lowered permeability bands in the  
865 cigarette paper to achieve compliance with the performance standard  
866 set forth in this section shall have not less than two nominally identical  
867 bands on the paper surrounding the tobacco column. At least one  
868 complete band shall be located not less than fifteen millimeters from the  
869 lighting end of the cigarette. For cigarettes on which the bands are  
870 positioned by design, there shall be not less than two bands fully located  
871 at least fifteen millimeters from the lighting end and ten millimeters  
872 from the filter end of the tobacco column, or ten millimeters from the  
873 labeled end of the tobacco column for nonfiltered cigarettes.

874 (c) A holder of a cigarette manufacturer's license that manufactures a  
875 cigarette that the State Fire Marshal determines cannot be tested in  
876 accordance with the test method prescribed in subdivision (1) of

877 subsection (a) of this section may propose an alternate test method and  
878 performance standard for the cigarette to the State Fire Marshal. Upon  
879 approval and a determination by the State Fire Marshal that the  
880 performance standard proposed by the holder is equivalent to the  
881 performance standard prescribed in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of  
882 this section, the holder may employ such test method and performance  
883 standard to certify such cigarette pursuant to section 29-419, as  
884 amended by this act. If the State Fire Marshal determines that another  
885 state has enacted reduced cigarette ignition propensity standards that  
886 include a test method and performance standard that are the same as  
887 those contained in this section, and the State Fire Marshal finds that the  
888 officials responsible for implementing those requirements have  
889 approved the proposed alternative test method and performance  
890 standard for a particular cigarette proposed by a holder as meeting the  
891 reduced cigarette ignition propensity standards of that state's law or  
892 regulations under a legal provision comparable to this section, then the  
893 State Fire Marshal shall authorize that holder to employ the alternative  
894 test method and performance standard to certify that cigarette for sale  
895 in this state, unless the State Fire Marshal has a reasonable basis for  
896 deciding that the alternative test should not be accepted under said  
897 sections. All other applicable requirements of this section shall apply to  
898 the holder.

899 (d) Each holder of a cigarette manufacturer's license shall maintain  
900 copies of the reports of all tests conducted on all cigarettes with respect  
901 to which such holder has submitted written certification in accordance  
902 with the provisions of section 29-419, as amended by this act. Such  
903 holder shall provide copies of the reports available to the [Office of the  
904 State Fire Marshal] Division of Fire Services Administration within the  
905 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and to the  
906 office of the Attorney General upon written request. Any holder that  
907 fails to provide such copies not later than sixty days after receiving a  
908 written request shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed ten  
909 thousand dollars for each day after the sixtieth day that the holder does  
910 not make such copies available.

911 Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of section 29-419 of the general statutes is  
912 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
913 *2025*):

914 (a) Each holder of a cigarette manufacturer's license shall submit to  
915 the [Office of the State Fire Marshal] Division of Fire Services  
916 Administration within the Department of Emergency Services and  
917 Public Protection a written certification every three years attesting that:  
918 (1) Each cigarette listed in the certification has been tested in accordance  
919 with section 29-418, as amended by this act; and (2) each cigarette listed  
920 in the certification meets the performance standard set forth in section  
921 29-418, as amended by this act.

922 Sec. 26. Subsection (a) of section 29-420 of the general statutes is  
923 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
924 *2025*):

925 (a) Not later than July 1, 2008, the [Office of the State Fire Marshal]  
926 Division of Fire Services Administration within the Department of  
927 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall develop and make  
928 available for public inspection, on its web site and in such other forms  
929 as the State Fire Marshal deems appropriate, a Connecticut Fire Safe  
930 Cigarette Directory listing of all holders that have provided current  
931 certifications conforming to the requirements of section 29-419, as  
932 amended by this act, and all cigarettes that are listed in such  
933 certifications. The State Fire Marshal shall update the directory as  
934 necessary in order to correct mistakes and to add or remove a holder or  
935 cigarette to keep the directory current and in conformity with the  
936 requirements of sections 29-416 to 29-421, inclusive.

937 Sec. 27. Subsection (d) of section 29-453 of the 2024 supplement to the  
938 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
939 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

940 (d) The [Office of the State Fire Marshal] Division of Fire Services  
941 Administration within the Department of Emergency Services and

942 Public Protection shall (1) in consultation with an association  
943 representing the interests of realtors, a bar association and an  
944 association representing the interests of fire marshals, develop a model  
945 form that may be used for the affidavit required by subsection (a) of this  
946 section, and (2) in consultation with an association representing the  
947 interests of fire marshals, develop a guide outlining smoke detection  
948 and warning equipment requirements to assist transferors with the  
949 completion of such affidavit.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	29-1b
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025	7-323k
Sec. 3	July 1, 2025	7-323l
Sec. 4	July 1, 2025	7-323n
Sec. 5	July 1, 2025	7-323o
Sec. 6	July 1, 2025	5-198
Sec. 7	July 1, 2025	7-313m
Sec. 8	July 1, 2025	7-323s
Sec. 9	July 1, 2025	7-323v
Sec. 10	July 1, 2025	14-103d(a)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2025	19a-510a(a)
Sec. 12	July 1, 2025	20-330(10)
Sec. 13	July 1, 2025	29-1ff(a)
Sec. 14	July 1, 2025	29-250
Sec. 15	July 1, 2025	29-291
Sec. 16	July 1, 2025	29-291e
Sec. 17	July 1, 2025	29-292a
Sec. 18	July 1, 2025	29-294
Sec. 19	July 1, 2025	29-298a
Sec. 20	July 1, 2025	29-312
Sec. 21	July 1, 2025	29-315c
Sec. 22	July 1, 2025	29-319
Sec. 23	July 1, 2025	29-417(b)
Sec. 24	July 1, 2025	29-418
Sec. 25	July 1, 2025	29-419(a)
Sec. 26	July 1, 2025	29-420(a)
Sec. 27	July 1, 2025	29-453(d)



**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

Sections 6, 12 and 13 were added to make conforming changes.

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*