

By: Representative Compretta

To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 642

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-11-251, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE MISSISSIPPI FIRE PERSONNEL  
3 MINIMUM STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION BOARD; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-11-251, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 45-11-251. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi Fire  
9 Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board. The board  
10 shall consist of ten (10) members. The Commissioner of Insurance  
11 and the Director of the State Fire Academy shall serve as ex  
12 officio nonvoting members. The Director of the State Fire Academy  
13 shall serve as administrator for the board.

14 (2) Eight (8) members of the Mississippi Fire Personnel  
15 Minimum Standards and Certification Board shall be selected as  
16 follows:

17 (a) Three (3) full-time paid fire fighters below the  
18 rank of chief \* \* \* selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters  
19 Association;

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21 (b) Three (3) career fire chiefs, \* \* \* selected by the  
22 Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association. \* \* \*

23 (c) One (1) full-time paid fire instructor from a  
24 career fire department selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters  
25 Association.

26 (d) One (1) member of the volunteer fire service  
27 selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters Association.

28           The initial terms of members in each category selected in  
29 paragraphs (a) and (b) \* \* \* shall be staggered: One (1) member in  
30 each category shall serve a term of one (1) year; one (1) member  
31 in each category shall serve a term of two (2) years; one (1)  
32 member in each category shall serve a term of three (3) years.  
33 After the expiration of the initial term, the term shall be three  
34 (3) years.

35       \* \* \*

36           There shall be no more than one (1) member selected from any  
37 one (1) fire department.

38           No member selected under this subsection shall serve more  
39 than two (2) consecutive terms. Any member missing three (3)  
40 consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from the  
41 board. A vacancy prior to the expiration of a term shall be  
42 filled by selection in the same manner and for the balance of the  
43 unexpired term.

44           (3) During his term, a member of the board shall not serve  
45 as a member of the State Fire Academy Advisory Board.

46           (4) The board shall select a chairman and vice chairman from  
47 its membership.

48           (5) The \* \* \* Department of Insurance shall provide  
49 administrative support for the board.

50           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
51 and after July 1, 2004.