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To: Insurance

HOUSE BILL NO. 1460

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI FIRE PERSONNEL MINIMUM
2 STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION BOARD; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP
3 AND TERMS OF THE BOARD; TO REPEAL SECTION 45-11-251, WHICH CREATES
4 THE MISSISSIPPI FIRE PERSONNEL MINIMUM STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION
5 BOARD AND PROVIDES FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Mississippi Fire
9 Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board. The board
10 shall consist of eleven (11) members. The Commissioner of
11 Insurance and the Director of the State Fire Academy shall serve
12 as ex officio members. The Director of the State Fire Academy
13 shall serve as secretary to the board. The Commissioner of
14 Insurance may appoint a designee to serve in his absence.

15 (2) Nine (9) members of the Mississippi Fire Personnel
16 Minimum Standards and Certification Board shall be selected as
17 follows:

18 (a) Two (2) full-time paid fire fighters below the rank
19 of chief selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters Association.
20 The initial terms shall be staggered with one (1) member serving a
21 term of two (2) years and one (1) member serving a term of three
22 (3) years. After the expiration of the initial term, the term
23 shall be for three (3) years.

24 (b) One (1) full-time fire fighter below the rank of
25 fire chief selected by the Professional Fire Fighters Association
26 of Mississippi;

27 (c) Three (3) career fire chiefs selected by the
28 Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association. The initial term shall be
29 staggered as follows: One (1) member shall serve a term of one

30 (1) year; one (1) member shall serve a term of two (2) years; and
31 one (1) member shall serve a term of three (3) years. After the
32 expiration of the initial term, the term shall be three (3) years;

33 (d) One (1) full-time paid certified fire instructor
34 selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters Service Instructors
35 Association. The initial term shall be for one (1) year. After
36 the expiration of the initial term, the term shall be for three
37 (3) years;

38 (e) One (1) full-time paid fire investigator from a
39 paid department selected by the Mississippi Fire Investigators
40 Association. The initial term shall be for two (2) years. After
41 the expiration of the initial term, the term shall be for three
42 (3) years; and

43 (f) One (1) member of the volunteer fire service
44 selected by the Mississippi Fire Fighters Association. The
45 initial term shall be for three (3) years. After the expiration
46 of the initial term, the term shall be for three (3) years.

47 No member selected under this subsection shall serve more
48 than two (2) terms consecutively. Any member missing three (3)
49 consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from the
50 board. A vacancy prior to the expiration of a term shall be
51 filled by selection in the same manner and for the balance of the
52 unexpired term.

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

55 (4) The board shall select a chairman and vice chairman from
56 its membership.

57 (5) The Department of Insurance shall provide administrative
58 support for the board.

59 **SECTION 2.** Section 45-11-251, Mississippi Code of 1972,
60 which creates the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and
61 Certification Board and provides its membership and terms, is
62 repealed.

63 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
64 and after July 1, 2005.