

Introduced by Senator Padilla

February 23, 2007

An act to *add Section 13159.85 to the Health and Safety Code*, relating to firefighters.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 828, as amended, Padilla. ~~Firefighters.~~ *Firefighters: arson dogs.*

Existing law requires peace officer and civilian drug detection canine trainers working under the direction of a law enforcement agency to follow specified protocols of behavior.

This bill would ~~express the intent of the Legislature to~~ require the State Fire Marshal, *with policy guidance and advice from the State Board of Fire Services*, to adopt regulations to establish standards for arson dogs and their handlers that are ~~similar to the regulations regarding law enforcement canine units and their handlers~~ *based on specified standards issued by the California State Firefighters Association.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ *yes*. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 *SECTION 1. Section 13159.85 is added to the Health and*
- 2 *Safety Code, to read:*
- 3 *13159.85. The State Fire Marshal, with policy guidance and*
- 4 *advice from the State Board of Fire Services, shall adopt*
- 5 *regulations establishing standards for arson dogs and their*
- 6 *handlers. The standards shall be based on those set forth in the*

1 *publication entitled Accelerant Detection, K-9 Team Standards*
2 *issued by the California State Firefighters Association in January*
3 *2007. The State Fire Marshal, with policy guidance and advice*
4 *from the State Board of Fire Services, may amend and update the*
5 *standards as needed.*

6 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to require the~~
7 ~~State Fire Marshal to adopt regulations to establish standards for~~
8 ~~arson dogs and their handlers that are similar to the regulations~~
9 ~~regarding law enforcement canine units.~~

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