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SENATE BILL

No. 828

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: 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 require the State Fire Marshal, ~~with policy guidance and advice from the State Board of Fire Services, to adopt regulations to establish~~ *to develop standards and procedures* for arson dogs and their handlers that are based on specified standards issued by the California State Firefighters Association. *The bill would permit the State Fire Marshal, in cooperation with other recognized statewide fire investigation entities, to amend and update these standards and procedures as needed.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: 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:

1 13159.85. The State Fire Marshal, ~~with policy guidance and~~
2 ~~advice from the State Board of Fire Services, shall adopt~~
3 ~~regulations establishing standards for arson dogs and their~~ *shall*
4 *develop standards and procedures for arson dogs and their*
5 handlers. The standards *and procedures* shall be based on those
6 set forth in the publication entitled Accelerant Detection, K-9 Team
7 Standards issued by the California State Firefighters Association
8 in January 2007. The State Fire Marshal, ~~with policy guidance and~~
9 ~~advice from the State Board of Fire Services~~ *in cooperation with*
10 *other recognized statewide fire investigation entities*, may amend
11 and update the standards *and procedures* as needed.