

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 17, 2007
AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 1, 2007
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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~~ *accelerate detection 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, *in conjunction with recognized statewide fire investigation entities, to develop update and amend* standards and procedures for ~~arson~~ *accelerate detection dogs* and their handlers ~~that are based on specified standards issued by the California State Firefighters Association, as specified.~~ The bill would ~~permit the State Fire Marshal, in cooperation with other~~ *require these standards and procedures to be updated and amended on or before January 1, 2009, and to be based upon information from and publications by recognized statewide fire investigation entities, to amend and update these standards and procedures as needed as specified.*

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:
3 13159.85. The State Fire Marshal, *in conjunction with*
4 *recognized statewide fire investigation entities, including, but not*
5 *limited to, the California State Firefighters Association, shall*
6 ~~develop~~ *update and amend* standards and procedures for ~~arson~~
7 *accelerate detection dogs and their handlers. The standards and*
8 *procedures shall be based on those set forth in the publication*
9 ~~entitled Accelerant Detection, K-9 Team Standards issued by the~~
10 ~~California State Firefighters Association in January 2007. The~~
11 ~~State Fire Marshal, in cooperation with other recognized statewide~~
12 ~~fire investigation entities, may amend and update the standards~~
13 ~~and procedures as needed.~~ *updated and amended on or before*
14 *January 1, 2009, and shall include, but are not limited to,*
15 *department and handler selection and evaluation, canine selection,*
16 *fire scene practices, blind odor recognition testing, field searches,*
17 *searching people, and statutes and regulations relating to the use*
18 *of accelerant detection dogs. The standards and procedures shall*
19 *consider, but are not limited to, information from and publications*
20 *by recognized statewide fire investigation entities, including, but*
21 *not limited to, the California State Firefighters Association.*

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