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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1415

5 By: Representative L. Johnson
6 By: Senator K. Hammer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE
10 STATE FIRE MARSHAL; TO ALLOW THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
11 TO REQUEST AN INQUIRY BY THE DIVISION OF ARKANSAS
12 STATE POLICE FOR ARSON; TO DESIGNATE THE STATE FIRE
13 MARSHAL AN EX OFFICIO DEPUTY OF THE DIVISION OF
14 ARKANSAS STATE POLICE FOR ARSON INVESTIGATIONS; AND
15 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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20 OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL; AND TO ALLOW
21 THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO REQUEST AN
22 INQUIRY BY THE DIVISION OF ARKANSAS
23 STATE POLICE FOR ARSON.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-13-108 is amended to read as follows:
28 12-13-108. Ex officio deputies.

29 (a) All The State Fire Marshal and all mayors, members of fire
30 departments, and peace officers shall be ex officio deputies to the Director
31 of the Division of Arkansas State Police.

32 (b) They An ex officio deputy shall be subject to the duties and
33 obligations imposed by law in fire prevention and in the investigation of the
34 cause, origin, and circumstances of fires within their jurisdiction.
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-13-112(a), concerning inquiries for fire



1 investigations, is amended to read as follows:

2 (a)(1) When the Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police or
3 any officer or deputy has reason to believe that a crime or other offense has
4 been committed in connection with any fire, the director or his or her deputy
5 may conduct an inquiry in relation thereto.

6 (2) The State Fire Marshal may request that the Division of
7 Arkansas State Police conduct an inquiry under this section if he or she has
8 reason to believe arson has been committed.

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