

SENATE BILL No. 260

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 22-12-6; IC 22-14-2-7; IC 22-15-5-12.

Synopsis: Firefighter training and elevator mechanics. Repeals the statewide arson investigation financial assistance fund and transfers the money to the regional public safety training fund. Specifies that the board of firefighting personnel standards and education may adopt by reference the National Fire Protection Association code. Establishes requirements for elevator mechanic licenses issued after June 30, 2012. Amends expiration dates for elevator mechanic licenses.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 22-12-6-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
2 2012]. Sec. 2: (a) The statewide arson investigation financial assistance
3 fund is established to provide resources to:
4 (1) prosecuting attorneys;
5 (2) local police departments;
6 (3) the state police department;
7 (4) arson task forces;
8 (5) fire departments that have arson investigating teams or arson
9 task forces; and
10 (6) the division of fire and building safety established by
11 IC 10-19-7-1 for purposes of fire investigation.
12 (b) The department shall administer the fund.
13 (c) The fund consists of money deposited in the fund by the
14 executive director of the department. The department, the state fire
15 marshal, and the division of fire and building safety may accept gifts
16 and grants from any source to be deposited in the fund and to be used
17 for the purposes of this section.



1 (d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
2 to the state general fund.

3 SECTION 2. IC 22-12-6-2.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
4 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
5 1, 2012]: **Sec. 2.1. (a) On July 1, 2012, all money in the statewide
6 arson investigation financial assistance fund established by section
7 2 of this chapter (before its repeal, effective July 1, 2012) are
8 transferred to the regional public safety training fund established
9 by IC 10-15-3-12.**

10 **(b) This section expires January 1, 2013.**

11 SECTION 3. IC 22-14-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2007,
12 SECTION 308, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: **Sec. 7. (a) This section does not limit the
14 powers, rights, duties, and other responsibilities of municipal or county
15 governments or impose requirements affecting pension laws or any
16 other laws.**

17 **(b) This section does not require a member of a fire department to
18 be certified.**

19 **(c) The education board may:**

- 20 (1) certify firefighting training and education programs that meet
21 the standards set by the education board;
22 (2) certify fire department instructors who meet the qualifications
23 set by the education board;
24 (3) direct research in the field of firefighting and fire prevention
25 and accept gifts and grants to direct this research;
26 (4) recommend curricula for advanced training courses and
27 seminars in fire science or fire engineering training to public and
28 private postsecondary educational institutions;
29 (5) certify fire service personnel and nonfire service personnel
30 who meet the qualifications set by the education board;
31 (6) require fire service personnel certified at any level to fulfill
32 continuing education requirements in order to maintain
33 certification;
34 (7) contract or cooperate with any person and adopt rules under
35 IC 4-22-2 to carry out ~~its~~ **the education board's** responsibilities
36 under this section; or
37 (8) grant a variance to a rule the education board has adopted.

38 **Rules described in subdivision (7) include emergency rules adopted
39 under IC 4-22-2-37.1 to adopt by reference all or part of the
40 applicable codes or standards of the National Fire Protection
41 Association.**

42 (d) The education board may impose a reasonable fee for the

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1 issuance of a certification described in subsection (c). The board shall
 2 deposit the fee in the fire and building services fund established by
 3 IC 22-12-6-1.

4 SECTION 4. IC 22-15-5-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 12. (a) ~~After May 1,~~
 6 ~~2003~~; An individual may not act as an elevator mechanic unless the
 7 individual holds an elevator mechanic license issued under this
 8 chapter. A license is not required for an elevator apprentice.

9 (b) An individual who is ~~an applicant~~ **applies** for an elevator
 10 mechanic license **before July 1, 2012**, must meet one (1) of the
 11 following eligibility criteria:

12 (1) Hold an active elevator mechanic license issued by a state that
 13 has a licensing program that is at least equivalent to the elevator
 14 mechanic licensing program established under this chapter.

15 (2) Satisfy both of the following:

16 (A) Have at least one (1) of the following types of work
 17 experience or training:

18 (i) Have at least three (3) years of documented work
 19 experience in the elevator industry in construction,
 20 maintenance, and service or repair.

21 (ii) Have at least eighteen (18) months experience in the
 22 elevator industry in construction, maintenance, and service
 23 or repair and have at least three (3) years experience in a
 24 related field that is certified by a licensed elevator
 25 contractor.

26 (iii) Complete an apprenticeship program that is registered
 27 with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the
 28 United States Department of Labor or a state apprenticeship
 29 program and that the commission determines is at least
 30 equivalent to three (3) years of work experience in the
 31 elevator industry in construction, maintenance, and service
 32 or repair.

33 (B) Successfully complete a written competency examination
 34 approved by the commission.

35 (3) Successfully complete an elevator mechanic's program that
 36 consists of a combination of extensive training and a
 37 comprehensive examination that the commission has determined
 38 is at least equivalent to both the work experience required under
 39 subdivision (2)(A)(i) and the competency examination established
 40 under subdivision (2)(B).

41 (4) Furnish acceptable proof to the department of:

42 (A) at least three (3) years work experience in the elevator

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- 1 industry in construction, maintenance, service or repair; and
 2 (B) current performance of the duties of an elevator mechanic
 3 in Indiana without direct supervision.
 4 ~~and apply for the license on or before May 1, 2003.~~
 5 **(c) An individual who applies for an initial elevator mechanic**
 6 **license after June 30, 2012, must meet one (1) of the following**
 7 **eligibility criteria:**
 8 **(1) Hold an active elevator mechanic license issued by a state**
 9 **that has a licensing program that is at least equivalent to the**
 10 **elevator mechanic licensing program established under this**
 11 **chapter.**
 12 **(2) Successfully complete one (1) of the following formal four**
 13 **(4) year educational programs, including any required**
 14 **examinations, designed specifically for the elevator industry:**
 15 **(A) The National Elevator Industry Educational Program.**
 16 **(B) The Certified Elevator Technician (CET) Educational**
 17 **Certification Program developed by the National**
 18 **Association of Elevator Contractors.**
 19 ~~(c)~~ **(d) An applicant for an initial elevator mechanic license must do the**
 20 **following:**
 21 **(1) Submit to the department an application provided by the**
 22 **department that contains the following information:**
 23 **(A) The name, business address, telephone number, and**
 24 **electronic mail address of the applicant.**
 25 **(B) Any other information the department requires.**
 26 **(2) Submit to the department any proof of eligibility the**
 27 **department requires.**
 28 **(3) Pay the nonrefundable and nontransferable license fee**
 29 **established under IC 22-12-6-6.**
 30 **(4) Affirm under penalty of perjury that all information provided**
 31 **to the department is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge**
 32 **and belief.**
 33 ~~(d)~~ **(e) An applicant for a renewal elevator mechanic license must**
 34 **do the following:**
 35 **(1) Submit to the department an application provided by the**
 36 **department that contains the following information:**
 37 **(A) The name, business address, telephone number, and**
 38 **electronic mail address of the applicant.**
 39 **(B) Any other information the department requires.**
 40 **(2) Submit proof of completion of the continuing education**
 41 **required by section 15 of this chapter.**
 42 **(3) Pay the nonrefundable and nontransferable license fee**

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1 established under IC 22-12-6-6.
 2 (4) Affirm under penalty of perjury that all information provided
 3 to the department is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge
 4 and belief.
 5 ~~(e)~~ (f) An initial elevator mechanic license issued under this chapter
 6 expires on ~~December 31~~ of the second year after the license was issued.
 7 as follows:
 8 (1) For a license that was issued or renewed before July 1,
 9 2012, on the second birthday of the licensee following the date
 10 on which the license was issued or renewed.
 11 (2) For a license that was issued or renewed after June 30,
 12 2012, on the birthday of the licensee in the year following the
 13 date on which the license was issued or renewed.
 14 ~~(f)~~ A renewal of an elevator mechanic license is valid for two ~~(2)~~
 15 years:
 16 (g) An individual engaged in the business of an elevator mechanic
 17 shall carry the individual's license and present the license for inspection
 18 by a representative of the department upon request.

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