HOUSE BILL No. 2149

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT transferring the functions of the office of state fire marshal to the board of fire services; amending K.S.A. 31-136, 40-252, 65-506, 75-1506, 75-1510, 75-1515 and 75-1516 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. On January 1, 2008, the state fire marshal and the office of the state fire marshal are hereby transferred to the board of fire services established pursuant to section 8, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 2. (a) On and after January 1, 2008, whenever the office of state fire marshal or words of like effect are referred to or designated by a statute, contract or other document, which pertain to the performance of the powers, duties and functions transferred to the board pursuant to section 9, and amendments thereto, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the board of fire services established by section 8, and amendments thereto.

- (b) On and after January 1, 2008, all orders and directives of the office of state fire marshal which relate to fire services in existence immediately prior to the effective date of this act shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be the orders or directives of the board of fire services, until revised, amended, repealed or nullified pursuant to law.
- New Sec. 3. (a) On and after January 1, 2008, the board of fire services shall succeed to all records which were used for or pertain to the performance of the powers, duties and functions transferred to the board pursuant to section 9, and amendments thereto. Any conflict as to the proper disposition of records arising under this section shall be resolved by the governor, whose decision shall be final.
- (b) On and after January 1, 2008, the balance of all funds or accounts thereof appropriated or reappropriated for the office of state fire marshal relating to the powers, duties and functions transferred by this act are hereby transferred within the state treasury to the office of state fire marshal within the board of fire services and shall be used only for the purpose for which the appropriations were originally made. Any conflict as to the proper disposition of such money shall be resolved by the governor, whose decision shall be final.

New Sec. 4. (a) On and after January 1, 2008, all officers and employees who were engaged immediately prior to the effective date of this act in the performance of powers, duties and functions, which are transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act, and who, in the opinion of the board of fire services, are necessary to perform the powers, duties and functions of the board shall become officers and employees of the board. On and after January 1, 2008, all officers and employees of the office of state fire marshal within the board of fire services who, immediately prior to the effective date of this act, are engaged in the exercise and performance of the powers, duties and functions transferred by this act are hereby transferred to and become employees of the board of fire services. All classified employees so transferred shall retain their status as classified employees. Thereafter, the board of fire services may convert vacant classified positions to positions that are not classified.

(b) Officers and employees of the office of state fire marshal transferred by this act shall retain all retirement benefits and leave balances and rights which had accrued or vested prior to the date of transfer. The service of each such officer and employee so transferred shall be deemed to have been continuous. Any subsequent transfers, layoffs and abolition of classified service positions under the Kansas civil service act shall be made in accordance with the civil service laws and any rules and regulations adopted thereunder. Every act performed in the exercise of such powers, duties and functions by or under the authority of the office of state fire marshal or the state fire marshal established by this act shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if performed by the office of state fire marshal or the state fire marshal in which such powers, duties and functions were vested prior to the effective date of this act.

New Sec. 5. On and after January 1, 2008, whenever any conflict arises as to the disposition of any power, duty or function as a result of any abolishment or transfer made by this act, such conflict shall be resolved by the governor, and the decision of the governor shall be final.

New Sec. 6. On and after January 1, 2008, the board of fire services shall succeed to all property and records which were used for, or pertain to, the performance of the powers, duties and functions transferred to the board pursuant to section 9, and amendments thereto. On and after January 1, 2008, the unexpended balances of any appropriations for the office of state fire marshal, which is transferred by this act, shall be transferred to the board of fire services to be used by the board to carry out the powers, duties and functions transferred by this act. Any conflict as to the proper disposition of property or records or the unexpended balance of any appropriation arising under this section shall be determined by the governor, and the decision of the governor shall be final.

New Sec. 7. No suit, action or other proceeding, judicial or admin-

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istrative, lawfully commenced, or which could have been commenced, by or against the office of state fire marshal transferred by this act, or by or 2 3 against any officer or employee of such bureau in the official capacity of such officer or employee or in relation to the discharge of official duties of such officer or employee, shall abate by reason of the governmental reorganization effected under the provisions of this act. The court may allow any such suit, action or other proceeding to be maintained by or against the successor of such state agency or any officer or employee 9 affected.

New Sec. 8. (a) There is hereby established the state board of fire services. The office of the board of fire services shall be located in Topeka, Kansas.

- (b) The board of fire services shall be composed of nine members to be appointed as follows:
- The nine members shall be appointed by the governor. Of such (1)members:
- One shall be a volunteer fire chief and shall not be employed as a full-time paid fire chief or firefighter;
 - one shall be a full-time paid fire chief;
- one shall be a volunteer firefighter and shall not be employed as a full-time paid fire chief or firefighter;
 - one shall be a full-time paid firefighter;
- (E) one shall be a licensed architect;
 - one shall be a full-time fire codes official;
- one shall be a member representing the emergency medical serv-(**G**) ices board who is actively involved in fire services;
- one shall be a member of the state board of regents, or a person designated by the chairperson of such board; and
 - one shall be a member representing emergency managers.
- All members of the board shall be residents of the state of Kansas. Appointments to the board shall be made with due consideration that representation of the various geographical areas of the state is ensured. The governor may seek the assistance of state fire service organizations in recommending qualified persons to fill board positions. The governor may remove any member of the board upon recommendation of the board. Any person appointed to a position on the board shall forfeit such position upon vacating the office or position which qualified such person to be appointed as a member of the board.
- (d) Of the members first appointed to the board, three shall be appointed for terms of two years, three for terms of three years and three for terms of four years. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. In the case of a vacancy in the membership of the board, the vacancy shall

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be filled for the unexpired term.

- (e) The board shall meet at least six times annually and at least once each quarter and at the call of the chairperson or at the request of the chairperson of the board of fire service or of any six members of the board. The board shall meet as necessary prior to January 1, 2008, to provide for transition planning to carry out the powers, duties and functions transferred to the board under this act.
- (f) At the first meeting of the board in 2007, at the first meeting of the board after January 1, 2009, and at the first meeting of the board in January thereafter, the members shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson who shall serve for a term of one year. The vice-chairperson shall exercise all of the powers of the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the chairperson or vice-chairperson, the board shall fill such vacancy by election of one of its members to serve the unexpired term of such office.
- (g) Members of the board attending meetings of the board or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the board shall be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.
- (h) Except as otherwise provided by law, all vouchers for expenditures and all payrolls of the board of fire services shall be approved by the state fire marshal, or a person designated by the board, upon authorization by the board.

New Sec. 9. The board of fire services shall:

- (a) Adopt any rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this act;
- (b) review and make recommendations concerning the allocation and expenditure of moneys appropriated for the programs and services administered by the state fire marshal's office;
- (c) prepare and submit a budget estimate to the division of the budget in accordance with K.S.A. 75-3717 and amendments thereto;
- (d) enter into contracts as may be necessary to carry out the duties and functions of the board under this act;
- (e) appoint committees as necessary to assist in the coordination and oversight of the divisions and special projects offered by the state fire marshal's office:
- (f) appoint a state fire marshal. Any person appointed state fire marshal on and after July 1, 2007, shall serve at the pleasure of the board of fire services; and
- (g) approve all licensing and certification procedures administered by the office of the state fire marshal.
- Sec. 10. On January 1, 2008, K.S.A. 31-136 is hereby amended to read as follows: 31-136. The state fire marshal shall have the power to

 grant exemptions from the application of specific requirements of regulations promulgated pursuant to this act. Any such exemption shall be granted only upon written request which clearly demonstrates that the enforcement of a specific requirement of a rule or regulation will cause unnecessary hardship to the petitioner, or that such exemption is necessary for the petitioner to take advantage of new methods or equipment of recognized adequacy which conforms to fundamental safety standards. The particulars of any exemption so granted shall be set forth in writing, and a copy thereof shall be retained in the office of the state fire marshal board of fire services.

Sec. 11. On January 1, 2008, K.S.A. 40-252 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-252. Every insurance company or fraternal benefit society organized under the laws of this state or doing business in this state shall pay to the commissioner of insurance fees and taxes specified in the following schedule:

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17	Insurance companies organized under the laws of this state:	
18	1. Capital stock insurance companies and mutual legal reserve life insurance of	companies:
19	Filing application for sale of stock or certificates of indebtedness	\$25
20	Admission fees:	
21	Examination of charter and other documents	500
22	Filing annual statement	100
23	Certificate of authority	10
24	Annual fees:	
25	Filing annual statement	100
26	Continuation of certificate of authority	10
27	2. Mutual life, accident and health associations:	
28	Admission fees:	
29	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
30	Filing annual statement	100
31	Certificate of authority	10
32	Annual fees:	
33	Filing annual statement	100
34	Continuation of certificate of authority	10
35	3. Mutual fire, hail, casualty and multiple line insurers and reciprocal or inte	erinsurance
36	exchanges:	
37	Admission fees:	
38	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
39	Filing annual statement	100
40	Certificate of authority	10
41	Annual fees:	
42	Filing annual statement	100
43	Continuation of certificate of authority	10

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In addition to the above fees and as a condition precedent to the continuation of the certificate of authority provided in this code, all such companies shall pay a fee of \$2 for each agent certified by the company and shall also pay a tax annually upon all premiums received on risk located in this state at the rate of 1% for tax year 1997, and 2% for all tax years thereafter per annum less (1) for tax years prior to 1984, any taxes paid on business in this state pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 40-1701 to 40-1707, inclusive, and 75-1508 and amendments thereto and (2) for tax years 1984 and thereafter, any taxes paid on business in this state pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-1508 and amendments thereto and the amount of the firefighters relief tax credit determined by the commissioner of insurance. The amount of the firefighters relief tax credit for a company for the current tax year shall be determined by the commissioner of insurance by dividing (A) the total amount of credits against the tax imposed by this section for taxes paid by all such companies on business in this state under K.S.A. 40-1701 to 40-1707, inclusive, and amendments thereto for tax year 1983, by (B) the total amount of taxes paid by all such companies on business in this state under K.S.A. 40-1703 and amendments thereto for the tax year immediately preceding the current tax year, and by multiplying the result so obtained by (C) the amount of taxes paid by the company on business in this state under K.S.A. 40-1703 and amendments thereto for the current tax year.

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In the computation of the gross premiums all such companies shall be entitled to deduct any premiums returned on account of cancellations, including funds accepted before January 1, 1997, and declared and taxed as annuity premiums which, on or after January 1, 1997, are withdrawn before application to the purchase of annuities, all premiums received for reinsurance from any other company authorized to do business in this state, dividends returned to policyholders and premiums received in connection with the funding of a pension, deferred compensation, annuity or profit-sharing plan qualified or exempt under sections 401, 403, 404, 408, 457 or 501 of the United States internal revenue code of 1986. Funds received by life insurers for the purchase of annuity contracts and funds applied by life insurers to the purchase of annuities shall not be deemed taxable premiums or be subject to tax under this section for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1997.

Fraternal benefit societies organized under the laws of this state:

9	under the laws of this state:	
0	Admission fees:	
1	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
2	Filing annual statement	100
13	Certificate of authority	10

1	Annual fees:	
2	Filing annual statement	100
3	Continuation of certificate of authority	10
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5	Mutual nonprofit hospital service corporations, nonprofit medical service corporations	rations, non-
6	profit dental service corporations, nonprofit optometric service corporation	ons and non-
7	profit pharmacy service corporations organized under the laws of this sta	te:
8	1. Mutual nonprofit hospital service corporations:	
9	Admission fees:	
10	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
11	Filing annual statement	100
12	Certificate of authority	10
13	Annual fees:	
14	Filing annual statement	100
15	Continuation of certificate of authority	10
16	2. Nonprofit medical service corporations:	
17	Admission fees:	
18	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
19	Filing annual statement	100
20	Certificate of authority	10
21	Annual fees:	
22	Filing annual statement	100
23	Continuation of certificate of authority	10
24	3. Nonprofit dental service corporations:	
25	Admission fees:	
26	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
27	Filing annual statement	100
28	Certificate of authority	10
29	Annual fees:	
30	Filing annual statement	100
31	Continuation of certificate of authority	10
32	4. Nonprofit optometric service corporations:	
33	Admission fees:	
34	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
35	Filing annual statement	100
36	Certificate of authority	10
37	Annual fees:	
38	Filing annual statement	100
39	Continuation of certificate of authority	10
40	5. Nonprofit pharmacy service corporations:	
41	Admission fees:	
42	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
43	Filing annual statement	100

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1	Certificate of authority
2	Annual fees:
3	Filing annual statement
4	Continuation of certificate of authority
5	In addition to the above fees and as a condition precedent to the con-
6	tinuation of the certificate of authority, provided in this code, every cor-
7	poration or association shall pay annually to the commissioner of insur-
8	ance a tax in an amount equal to 1% for tax year 1997, and 2% for all tax
9	years thereafter per annum of the total of all premiums, subscription
10	charges, or any other term which may be used to describe the charges
11	made by such corporation or association to subscribers for hospital, med-
12	ical or other health services or indemnity received during the preceding
13	year. In such computations all such corporations or associations shall be
14	entitled to deduct any premiums or subscription charges returned on
15	account of cancellations and dividends returned to members or subscrib-
16	ers.
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18	Insurance companies organized under the
19	laws of any other state, territory or country:
20	1. Capital stock insurance companies and mutual legal reserve life insurance companies:
21	Filing application for sale of stock or certificates of indebtedness \$25
22	Admission fees:
23	Examination of charter and other documents 500
24	Filing annual statement
25	Certificate of authority
26	Annual fees:
27	Filing annual statement
28	Continuation of certificate of authority
29	In addition to the above fees all such companies shall pay \$5 for each
30	agent certified by the company, except as otherwise provided by law.
31	As a condition precedent to the continuation of the certificate of au-
32	thority, provided in this code, every company organized under the laws
33	of any other state of the United States or of any foreign country shall pay
34	a tax upon all premiums received during the preceding year at the rate
35	of 2% per annum.
36	In the computation of the gross premiums all such companies shall be
37	entitled to deduct any premiums returned on account of cancellations,
38	including funds accepted before January 1, 1997, and declared and taxed
39	as annuity premiums which, on or after January 1, 1997, are withdrawn
40	before application to the purchase of annuities, dividends returned to
41	policyholders and all premiums received for reinsurance from any other

company authorized to do business in this state and premiums received in connection with the funding of a pension, deferred compensation, an-

1 nuity or profit-sharing plan qualified or exempt under sections 401, 403,

- 2 404, 408, 457 or 501 of the United States internal revenue code of 1986.
- 3 Funds received by life insurers for the purchase of annuity contracts and
- 4 funds applied by life insurers to the purchase of annuities shall not be
- 5 deemed taxable premiums or be subject to tax under this section for tax
- 6 years commencing on or after January 1, 1997.
- 7 2. Mutual life, accident and health associations:
- 8 Admission fees:

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9	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
10	Filing annual statement	100
11	Certificate of authority	10
12	Annual fees:	
13	Filing annual statement	100
14	Continuation of certificate of authority	10

In addition to the above fees, every such company organized under the laws of any other state of the United States shall pay \$5 for each agent certified by the company, and shall pay a tax annually upon all premiums received at the rate of 2% per annum.

In the computation of the gross premiums all such companies shall be entitled to deduct any premiums returned on account of cancellations, including funds accepted before January 1, 1997, and declared and taxed as annuity premiums which, on or after January 1, 1997, are withdrawn before application to the purchase of annuities, dividends returned to policyholders and all premiums received for reinsurance from any other company authorized to do business in this state and premiums received in connection with the funding of a pension, deferred compensation, annuity or profit-sharing plan qualified or exempt under sections 401, 403, 404, 408, 457 or 501 of the United States internal revenue code of 1986. Funds received by life insurers for the purchase of annuity contracts and funds applied by life insurers to the purchase of annuities shall not be deemed taxable premiums or be subject to tax under this section for tax years commencing on or after January 1, 1997.

Mutual fire, casualty and multiple line insurers and reciprocal or interinsurance exchanges:

Admission fees:

36	Examination of	f charter an	dother	documents	and issuance	of certificat

37	of authority	\$500
38	Filing annual statement	100
39	Certificate of authority	10
40	Annual fees:	
41	Filing annual statement	100
42	Continuation of certificate of authority	10

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For tax years 1998 and thereafter, the annual tax shall be reduced by the "applicable percentage" of (1) any taxes paid on business in this state pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-1508 and amendments thereto and (2) the amount of the firefighters relief tax credit determined by the commissioner of insurance. The amount of the firefighters relief tax credit for a company taxable under this subsection for the current tax year shall be determined by the commissioner of insurance by dividing (A) the total amount of taxes paid by all such companies on business in this state under K.S.A. 40-1701 to 40-1707 and amendments thereto for tax year 1983 as then in effect, by (B) the total amount of taxes paid by all such companies on business in this state under K.S.A. 40-1703 and amendments thereto for the tax year immediately preceding the current tax year, and by multiplying the result so obtained by (C) the amount of taxes paid by the company on business in this state under K.S.A. 40-1703 and amendments thereto for the current tax year. The "applicable percentage" shall be as follows:

20	Tax Year	Applicable Percentage
21	1998	10%
22	1999	20%
23	2000	30%
24	2001	40%
25	2002	50%
26	2003	60%
27	2004	70%
28	2005	80%
29	2006	90%
30	2007 and thereafter	100%

In the computation of the gross premiums all such companies shall be entitled to deduct any premiums returned on account of cancellations, all premiums received for reinsurance from any other company authorized to do business in this state, and dividends returned to policyholders.

Fraternal benefit societies organized under the laws of any other state, territory or country:

37	of any other state, territory or country:	
38	Admission fees:	
39	Examination of charter and other documents	\$500
40	Filing annual statement	100
41	Certificate of authority	10
42	Annual fees:	
43	Filing annual statement	100

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3	Mutual nonprofit hospital service corporations, nonprofit medical service corporations, non-
4	profit dental service corporations, nonprofit optometric service corporations and non-
5	profit pharmacy service corporations organized under the laws of any other state,
6	territory or country:
7	1. Mutual nonprofit hospital service corporations:
8	Admission fees:
9	Examination of charter and other documents
10	Filing annual statement
11	Certificate of authority
12	Annual fees:
13	Filing annual statement
14	Continuation of certificate of authority
15	2. Nonprofit medical service corporations, nonprofit dental service corporations, nonprofit
16	optometric service corporations and nonprofit pharmacy service corporations:
17	Admission fees:
18	Examination of charter and other documents
19	Filing annual statement
20	Certificate of authority
21	Annual fees:
22	Filing annual statement
23	Continuation of certificate of authority
24	In addition to the above fees and as a condition precedent to the con-
25	tinuation of the certificate of authority, provided in this code, every cor-
26	poration or association shall pay annually to the commissioner of insur-
27	ance a tax in an amount equal to 2% per annum of the total of all
28	premiums, subscription charges, or any other term which may be used to
29	describe the charges made by such corporation or association to subscrib-
30	ers in this state for hospital, medical or other health services or indemnity
31	received during the preceding year. In such computations all such cor-
32	porations or associations shall be entitled to deduct any premiums or
33	subscription charges returned on account of cancellations and dividends returned to members or subscribers.
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37	Payment of Taxes. For the purpose of insuring the collection of the tax upon premiums,
38	assessments and charges as set out in subsection A, C, D or F, every
39	insurance company, corporation or association shall at the time it files its
40	annual statement, as required by the provisions of K.S.A. 40-225, and
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42	and secretary or other chief officers, to the commissioner of insurance,
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the companies or corporations in this state, whether in cash or notes, during the year ending on the December 31 next preceding.

Commencing in 1985 and annually thereafter the estimated taxes shall be paid as follows: On or before June 15 and December 15 of such year an amount equal to 50% of the full amount of the prior year's taxes as reported by the company shall be remitted to the commissioner of insurance. As used in this paragraph, "prior year's taxes" includes (1) taxes assessed pursuant to this section for the prior calendar year, (2) fees and taxes assessed pursuant to K.S.A. 40-253, and amendments thereto, for the prior calendar year, and (3) taxes paid for maintenance of the department office of the state fire marshal within the board of fire services pursuant to K.S.A. 75-1508, and amendments thereto, for the prior calendar year.

Upon the receipt of such returns the commissioner of insurance shall verify the same and assess the taxes upon such companies, corporations or associations on the basis and at the rate provided herein and the balance of such taxes shall thereupon become due and payable giving credit for amounts paid pursuant to the preceding paragraph, or the commissioner shall make a refund if the taxes paid in the prior June and December are in excess of the taxes assessed.

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The fee prescribed for the examination of charters and other documents shall apply to each company's initial application for admission and shall not be refundable for any reason.

Sec. 12. On January 1, 2008, K.S.A. 65-506 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-506. The secretary of health and environment shall serve notice of the issuance, suspension or revocation of a license to conduct a maternity center or child care facility or the issuance, suspension or revocation of a certificate of registration for a family day care home to the secretary of social and rehabilitation services, juvenile justice authority, department of education, office of the state fire marshal within the board fire services, county, city-county or multi-county department of health, and to any licensed child placement agency or licensed child care resource and referral agency serving the area where the center or facility is located. A maternity center or child care facility that has had a license suspended, revoked or denied by the secretary of health and environment or a family day care home that has had a certificate of registration suspended, revoked or denied by the secretary of health and environment shall notify in writing the parents or guardians of the enrollees of the suspension, revocation or denial. Neither the secretary of social and rehabilitation services nor any other person shall place or cause to be placed any maternity patient or child under 16 years of age in any maternity center or child care facility not licensed by the secretary of health and

environment or family day care home not holding a certificate of registration from the secretary of health and environment.

Sec. 13. On January 1, 2008, K.S.A. 75-1506 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-1506. The state fire marshal shall devote his or her entire time to the duties of his or her office, and the state fire marshal or his or her chief deputy, except when engaged elsewhere in the performance of their duties, shall be at all reasonable times at the office of the state fire marshal within the board of fire services, ready for such duties.

Sec. 14. On January 1, 2008, K.S.A. 75-1510 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-1510. There is hereby established the office of state fire marshal within the board of fire service. The state fire marshal shall be appointed by the governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. Any person appointed state fire marshal on or after July 1, 1982, shall be appointed subject to confirmation by the senate as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b pursuant to subsection (f) of section 9, and amendments thereto. Any person appointed as state fire marshal shall have a knowledge of building construction and, at the time of appointment, shall have had not less than five years' experience in fire safety inspection and investigation. The state fire marshal shall maintain an office in the city of Topeka.

Sec. 15. On January 1, 2008, K.S.A. 75-1515 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-1515. The attorney general shall appoint, with the approval of the state fire marshal, an assistant attorney general who shall be the attorney for the state fire marshal and the office of the state fire marshal within the board of fire services. Such attorney shall receive an annual salary fixed by the attorney general with the approval of the state fire marshal. Such salary shall be paid from moneys appropriated for the state fire marshal.

Sec. 16. On January 1, 2008, K.S.A. 75-1516 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-1516. The assistant attorney general appointed under K.S.A. 75-1515 shall be the legal advisor for the office of the state fire marshal *within the board of fire services*. The assistant attorney general appointed under K.S.A. 75-1515 shall appear for and on behalf of the state fire marshal, or any of the deputies of the state fire marshal, in any litigation that may arise in the discharge of the duties of the office of the state fire marshal.

37 Sec. 17. On January 1, 2008, K.S.A. 31-136, 40-252, 65-506, 75-1506, 38 75-1510, 75-1515 and 75-1516 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after 40 October 1, 2007, and its publication in the statute book.