

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 411

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Sections 1820.3, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2013, 1820.7, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2013, 1820.11, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2013, 1820.13, as amended by Section 10, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2013, 1820.14, as amended by Section 11, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2013, 1820.15, 1820.16, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Sections 1820.3, 1820.7, 1820.11, 1820.13, 1820.14 and 1820.16), which relate to the Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act; replacing the Fire Extinguisher Industry Committee with the State Fire Marshal; providing certain authority, duties and power to the State Fire Marshal over the Fire Extinguisher Act; modifying language; repealing 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1820.6, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 115, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1820.6), which relates to the Fire Extinguisher Industry Committee; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1820.3, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1820.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1820.3. As used in the Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act:

1. ~~"Committee" means the Fire Extinguisher Industry Committee;~~

1 ~~2.~~ "Fire extinguisher industry" means the sale, installation,
2 maintenance, inspection, certification, alteration, repair,
3 replacement, or service of portable fire extinguishers or fire
4 suppression systems or any combination of the foregoing activities;

5 ~~3.~~ 2. "Fire suppression systems" and "handheld portable fire
6 extinguisher" means any listed or approved fire extinguisher systems
7 installed in compliance with the installation manuals of the
8 manufacturer or the applicable National Fire Protection Association
9 Standard and its reference as outlined in the rules established by
10 the State Department of Health;

11 ~~4.~~ 3. "Licensee" means any person licensed pursuant to the Fire
12 Extinguisher Licensing Act; and

13 ~~5.~~ 4. "Person" means a sole proprietorship, fire partnership,
14 association, corporation, or other similar entity.

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1820.7, as
16 last amended by Section 4, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp.
17 2018, Section 1820.7), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1820.7. The State Fire ~~Extinguisher Industry Committee~~
19 Marshal shall have the following powers and duties:

20 1. To ~~assist the State Fire Marshal in licensing and otherwise~~
21 ~~regulating~~ license and otherwise regulate persons engaged in a fire
22 extinguisher industry business;

23 2. To determine qualifications of applicants pursuant to the
24 Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act;

1 3. To prescribe and adopt forms for license applications and
2 initiate the mailing of the application forms to all persons
3 requesting the applications;

4 4. To ~~assist the State Fire Marshal in the denial, suspension~~
5 ~~or revocation of~~ deny, suspend or revoke licenses as provided by the
6 Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act;

7 5. To charge and collect such fees as are prescribed by the
8 Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act;

9 6. To ~~assist the State Fire Marshal Commission in establishing~~
10 ~~and enforcing~~ establish and enforce standards governing the
11 materials, services, and conduct of the licensees and the employees
12 of licensees in regard to the fire extinguisher industry;

13 7. To ~~assist the State Fire Marshal Commission in promulgating~~
14 promulgate rules necessary to carry out the administration of the
15 Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act;

16 8. To investigate alleged violations of the provisions of the
17 Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act and of any rules promulgated by the
18 State Fire Marshal Commission;

19 9. To ~~assist the State Fire Marshal Commission in establishing~~
20 establish categories of licenses for the Fire Extinguisher Licensing
21 Act and application requirements for each category including, but
22 not limited to, individual licenses, experience requirements,
23 fingerprints, photographs, written examinations, and fees;

1 10. To ~~assist the State Fire Marshal in providing for~~ provide
2 for grievance and appeal procedures pursuant to the Administrative
3 Procedures Act for any person whose license is denied, revoked, or
4 suspended; and

5 11. To have such other powers and duties as are necessary to
6 implement the Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act.

7 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1820.11, as
8 amended by Section 8, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018,
9 Section 1820.11), is amended to read as follows:

10 Section 1820.11. A. Any person applying for a license to
11 engage in a fire extinguisher industry business pursuant to the Fire
12 Extinguisher Licensing Act shall provide evidence to the State Fire
13 ~~Extinguisher Industry Committee~~ Marshal that the individual within
14 this state having direct supervision over the function and local
15 operations of the fire extinguisher industry business or a branch
16 thereof has the following qualifications:

17 1. The individual is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

18 2. The individual has not been declared by any court of
19 competent jurisdiction incompetent by reason of mental defect or
20 disease;

21 3. The individual is not a habitual user of intoxicating
22 liquors or habit-forming drugs;

23 4. The individual has not been discharged from the Armed
24 Services of the United States under other than honorable conditions;

1 5. The individual is of good moral character; and

2 6. The individual meets such other standards as may be
3 established by the State Fire Marshal Commission relating to
4 experience or knowledge of the fire extinguisher industry.

5 B. The applicant shall ~~advise the Committee and~~ furnish full
6 information on each individual described in subsection A of this
7 section of any conviction of a felony offense or any crime involving
8 moral turpitude for which a full pardon has not been granted. The
9 applicant shall furnish a recent photograph of a type prescribed by
10 the ~~Committee~~ State Fire Marshal Commission and two classifiable
11 sets of fingerprints of such individual.

12 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1820.13, as
13 amended by Section 10, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018,
14 Section 1820.13), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1820.13. A. Upon making proper application, payment of
16 the proper license fee and certification of approval by the ~~Fire~~
17 ~~Extinguisher Industry Committee, the State Fire Marshal, the State~~
18 Fire Marshal shall issue a license to the applicant. The license
19 shall be valid for a one-year term.

20 B. Renewal of a license shall not prohibit disciplinary
21 proceedings for an act committed prior to the renewal.

22 C. The State Fire Marshal Commission may adopt a system under
23 which licenses expire on various dates throughout the year. For any
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1 change in such expiration dates, license fees shall be prorated on
2 an appropriate periodic basis.

3 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1820.14, as
4 amended by Section 11, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018,
5 Section 1820.14), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 1820.14. A. A license shall not be altered or
7 assigned.

8 B. A license shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each
9 fire extinguisher industry business location of the licensee.

10 C. A licensee shall notify the State Fire ~~Extinguisher Industry~~
11 ~~Committee~~ Marshal within fourteen (14) days of any change of
12 information furnished on the application for license or on the
13 license including, but not limited to, change of ownership, address,
14 business activities, or any developments related to the
15 qualifications of the licensee or the individual described in
16 Section 11 of this act. If the licensee for any reason ceases to
17 engage in a fire extinguisher industry business in this state, the
18 licensee shall notify the ~~Committee~~ State Fire Marshal within
19 fourteen (14) days of such cessation. If the required notice of
20 cessation is not given to the ~~Committee~~ State Fire Marshal within
21 fourteen (14) days, the license may be suspended or revoked by the
22 State Fire Marshal ~~on recommendation of the Committee.~~

23 D. No person shall represent falsely that he or she is licensed
24 or employed by a licensee.

1 E. Each licensee shall maintain a record containing such
2 information relative to his or her employees as may be required by
3 the State Fire Marshal Commission.

4 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1820.15, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 1820.15. The licensee shall be responsible to the State
7 Fire Extinguisher Industry Committee Marshal in matters of conduct
8 of business activities covered by the Fire Extinguisher Licensing
9 Act. The licensee shall be responsible for the activities on the
10 part of the employees of the licensee. For purposes of the Fire
11 Extinguisher Licensing Act, improper conduct on the part of such
12 employees which occurs within the scope of employment shall be
13 considered by the ~~Committee~~ State Fire Marshal as acts of the
14 licensee.

15 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1820.16, as
16 amended by Section 12, Chapter 111, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018,
17 Section 1820.16), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1820.16. A. The State Fire Marshal, ~~on recommendation~~
19 ~~of the Fire Extinguisher Industry Committee,~~ may suspend any
20 license, upon the conviction of any individual named on the license
21 or on the application for license of a felony, for a period not to
22 exceed thirty (30) days pending a full investigation ~~by the~~
23 ~~Committee~~. The investigation shall be initiated within the thirty-
24 day period of suspension. A final determination by the ~~Committee~~

1 State Fire Marshal shall result in either removal of the suspension
2 or such sanction as the State Fire Marshal considers appropriate, as
3 provided by the Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act.

4 B. The State Fire Marshal may revoke or suspend any license,
5 reprimand any licensee or deny any application for license or
6 renewal if, in ~~the~~ his or her judgment ~~of the Committee~~:

7 1. The applicant or licensee has violated any provision of the
8 Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act or any rule promulgated under the
9 Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act;

10 2. The applicant or licensee has practiced fraud, deceit, or
11 misrepresentation;

12 3. The applicant or licensee has made a material misstatement
13 in any information required by the State Fire Marshal Commission; or

14 4. The applicant or licensee has demonstrated incompetence or
15 untrustworthiness in his or her actions.

16 C. ~~The Committee~~ State Fire Marshal shall, before final action
17 under subsection B of this section, provide thirty (30) days of
18 written notice to the applicant or licensee involved in the action
19 intended and give sufficient opportunity for the person to request a
20 hearing before ~~the Committee and~~ the State Fire Marshal and to be
21 represented by an attorney. A hearing shall be scheduled ~~by the~~
22 ~~Committee~~ upon request by the applicant or licensee.

23 D. In the event the State Fire Marshal denies the application
24 for, or revokes or suspends, any license or imposes any reprimand, a

1 record of such action shall be in writing and officially signed by
2 the State Fire Marshal. The original copy shall be filed with the
3 State Fire Marshal Commission and a copy mailed to the affected
4 applicant or licensee within two (2) days of the final action taken
5 by the State Fire Marshal.

6 E. Notice of the suspension or revocation of any license by the
7 State Fire Marshal shall be sent ~~by the Committee~~ to law enforcement
8 agencies and fire departments in the principal areas of operation of
9 the licensee.

10 F. A suspended license shall be subject to expiration and may
11 be renewed as provided by the Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act,
12 regardless of suspension; provided, the renewal shall not remove the
13 suspension.

14 G. A revoked license terminates on the date of revocation and
15 cannot be reinstated; provided, the State Fire Marshal may reverse
16 the revocation action. Any licensee whose license is revoked shall
17 apply for a new license and meet all requirements for a license as
18 stated in the Fire Extinguisher Licensing Act prior to engaging in
19 any fire extinguisher industry business activities. The ~~Committee~~
20 ~~and the~~ State Fire Marshal shall take action on the new application
21 and may require additional safeguards against such acts by the
22 applicant as may have been the cause of the revocation of the prior
23 license.

1 SECTION 8. REPEALER 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1820.6, as
2 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 115, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp.
3 2018, Section 1820.6), is hereby repealed.

4 SECTION 9. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

5 SECTION 10. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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