

# AN ACT

To amend sections 9.60, 146.01, 146.12, 2743.02, 2909.01, 2921.22, 3737.01, 3737.03, 3737.16, 3737.21, 3737.22, 3737.26, 3737.27, 3737.28, 3737.42, 3737.43, 3737.45, 3737.81, and 4765.49 and to enact sections 124.1310 and 3737.221 of the Revised Code to revise the laws governing the state's waiver of immunity, to provide certain limited civil immunity for the State Fire Marshal's Office and certain employees of the State Fire Marshal, to provide that the State Fire Marshal's Office is a fire department for purposes of allowing it to assist with local fire suppression and emergencies, to allow the State Fire Marshal's Office, townships, and municipal corporations to appeal a decision of the State Board of Building Appeals to the court of common pleas, to otherwise revise the laws governing the State Fire Marshal's Office, to provide for paid leave for service as a volunteer firefighter or emergency medical services worker, to make changes to the law governing the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund, and to statutorily authorize the State Fire Commission's maintenance of the Ohio Fire Services Hall of Fame.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:*

SECTION 1. That sections 9.60, 146.01, 146.12, 2743.02, 2909.01, 2921.22, 3737.01, 3737.03, 3737.16, 3737.21, 3737.22, 3737.26, 3737.27, 3737.28, 3737.42, 3737.43, 3737.45, 3737.81, and 4765.49 be amended and sections 124.1310 and 3737.221 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 9.60. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Emergency medical service" and "emergency medical service organization" have the same meanings as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Fire protection" means the use of firefighting equipment by the fire department of a firefighting agency or a private fire company, and includes the provision of ambulance, emergency medical, and rescue services by those entities.

(3) "Firefighting agency" means a municipal corporation, township, township fire district, joint ambulance district, joint emergency medical services district, or joint fire district and the office of the state fire marshal.

(4) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Private fire company" means a nonprofit group or organization owning and operating firefighting equipment not controlled by a firefighting agency.

(B) Any firefighting agency, private fire company, or ~~public or private~~ emergency medical service organization may contract with any governmental entity in this state or another jurisdiction to provide fire protection or emergency medical services, as appropriate, whether on a regular basis or only in times of emergency, upon the approval of the governing boards or administrative heads of the entities that are parties to the contract.

(C) Any governmental entity in this state may contract with any firefighting agency, private fire company, or ~~public or private~~ emergency medical service organization of this state or another jurisdiction to obtain fire protection or emergency medical services, as appropriate, whether on a regular basis or only in times of emergency, upon the approval of the governing boards or administrative heads of the entities that are parties to the contract.

(D)(1) Any firefighting agency other than the office of the state fire marshal, private fire company, or ~~public or private~~ emergency medical service organization may provide fire protection or emergency medical services, as appropriate, to any governmental entity in this state or another jurisdiction, without a contract to provide fire protection or emergency medical services, upon the approval of the governing board of the agency, company, or organization and upon authorization by an officer or employee of the agency, company, or organization designated by that individual's title, office, or position pursuant to the authorization of the governing board of the agency, company, or organization.

(2) The office of the state fire marshal may provide fire protection or emergency medical services, as appropriate, to any governmental entity, firefighting agency, private fire company, or emergency medical service organization in this state or another jurisdiction, without a contract to provide fire protection or emergency medical services, upon the authorization of the state fire marshal.

(E) Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code, insofar as it is applicable to the operation of fire departments or emergency medical service organizations, applies to a political subdivision that is operating a fire department or emergency medical service organization, and to the members of the fire department or emergency medical service organization, when the members are rendering service pursuant to this section outside the boundaries of the political subdivision.

Members acting outside the boundaries of the political subdivision that is operating the fire department or emergency medical service organization may participate in any pension or indemnity fund established by the political subdivision to the same extent as while acting within the boundaries of the political subdivision, and are entitled to all the rights and benefits of Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code, to the same extent as while performing service within the boundaries of the political subdivision.

(F) A private fire company or private, nonprofit emergency medical service organization providing service pursuant to this section to a governmental entity in this state or another jurisdiction has the same immunities and defenses in a civil action that a political subdivision has under section 2744.02 of the Revised Code. The employees of such a fire company or emergency medical service organization have the same immunities and defenses in a civil action that employees of a political subdivision have under section 2744.03 of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) The office of the state fire marshal, when providing services pursuant to this section, is liable for injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by the negligent operation of any motor vehicle by its employees upon the public roads, highways, or streets in the state when the employees are engaged within the scope of their employment and authority, without regard to the proximity of, that operation to the office of the state fire marshal. Notwithstanding division (A)(1) of section 2743.02 of the Revised Code, the following are full defenses to that liability:

(a) An employee providing fire protection was operating a motor vehicle while engaged in duty at a fire, proceeding toward a place where a fire is in progress or is believed to be in progress, or answering any other emergency and the operation of the vehicle did not constitute willful or

wanton misconduct.

(b) An employee providing emergency medical services was operating a motor vehicle while responding to or completing a call for emergency medical care or treatment, the employee was holding a valid driver's license issued under Chapter 4507. of the Revised Code, the operation of the vehicle did not constitute willful or wanton misconduct, and the operation complies with the precautions described in section 4511.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) An employee of the office of the state fire marshal, when providing services pursuant to this section, is immune from liability for injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by the operation of any motor vehicle upon the public roads, highways, or streets in the state, without regard to the proximity of that operation to the office of the state fire marshal, unless one of the following applies:

(a) The operation of the vehicle was manifestly outside the scope of the employee's employment or official responsibilities.

(b) The operation of the vehicle constituted willful or wanton misconduct.

Sec. 124.1310. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Emergency medical service," "EMT-basic," "EMT-I," "first responder," and "paramedic" have the same meanings as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Volunteer firefighter" has the same meaning as in section 146.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) A state employee who is an EMT-basic, EMT-I, first responder, paramedic, or volunteer firefighter shall receive forty hours of leave with pay each calendar year to use during those hours when the employee is absent from work in order to provide emergency medical service or fire-fighting service. An appointing authority shall compensate an employee who uses leave granted under this section at the employee's regular rate of pay for those regular work hours during which the employee is absent from work.

Sec. 146.01. As used in sections 146.01 to 146.19 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Fire department" means a volunteer fire department, a fire department of a political subdivision or fire district of this state, or a private volunteer company that has elected to participate in the volunteer fire fighters' dependents fund pursuant to section 146.02 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) "Volunteer firefighter" means both of the following, subject to division (B)(2) of this section:

(a) A duly appointed member of a fire department on either a nonpay or

part-pay basis who is ineligible to be a member of the Ohio police and fire pension fund, or whose employment as a firefighter does not in itself qualify any such person for membership in the public employees retirement system, or who has waived membership in the public employees retirement system;

(b) Firefighters drafted, requisitioned, or appointed to serve in an emergency.

(2)(a) A volunteer firefighter who is a member of the public employees retirement system shall be considered a volunteer firefighter for purposes of this chapter, and in particular, for purposes of divisions (A) and (B) of section 146.12 of the Revised Code until the firefighter has at least one and one-half years of Ohio service credit for purposes of division (B) of section 145.45 of the Revised Code;

(b) A volunteer firefighter who is a member of the public employees retirement system shall be considered a volunteer firefighter for purposes of this chapter and, in particular, for purposes of division (C) of section 146.12 of the Revised Code until the firefighter has at least five years of total service credit for purposes of sections 145.35 and 145.36 or section 145.361 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Private volunteer fire company" means a company of trained volunteer firefighters having a contract to furnish fire protection or emergency service or both to a political subdivision or fire district of this state.

(D) "Member of the fund" includes a political subdivision or fire district of this state that maintains in whole or in part a volunteer fire department or employs volunteer firefighters, and a private volunteer fire company that has elected to participate in the volunteer fire fighters' dependents fund.

(E) ~~"Dependent" means the surviving spouse or child under eighteen years of age of a volunteer firefighter regardless of financial status.~~

(F) "Volunteer fire fighters' dependents fund" means the fund established by section 146.07 of the Revised Code.

~~(G)~~(F) "Totally and permanently disabled" means that a volunteer firefighter is unable to engage in any substantial gainful employment for a period of not less than twelve months by reason of a medically determinable physical impairment that is permanent or presumed to be permanent.

Sec. 146.12. Benefits shall be paid from the volunteer fire fighters' dependents fund to or on behalf of the following persons:

(A) To the surviving spouse of a volunteer ~~fire fighter~~ firefighter killed while discharging the duties of a volunteer ~~fire fighter~~ firefighter or who dies from exposure or injury received while in the discharge of ~~such~~ those duties, a lump sum award of one thousand dollars, and, in addition, the sum

of ~~two~~ three hundred dollars per month ~~so long as the surviving spouse does not remarry;~~

(B) To the parent, guardian, or other persons upon whom a child of a volunteer ~~fire fighter~~ firefighter is dependent for chief support, the sum of ~~sixty-five~~ one hundred twenty-five dollars per month for each dependent child ~~of such volunteer fire fighter. Such payments shall continue until the dependent child is eighteen years old~~ under eighteen years of age, or under twenty-three years of age if the child is attending a post-secondary educational institution and is completing a program of instruction each school year that satisfies the equivalent of at least two-thirds of the full-time curriculum requirements of the institution.

(C) To a volunteer ~~fire fighter~~ firefighter, totally and permanently disabled while discharging the duties of a volunteer ~~fire fighter~~ firefighter, the sum of ~~two~~ three hundred dollars per month. No payment shall be made to a volunteer ~~fire fighter~~ firefighter under full salary during the time of ~~his~~ the volunteer firefighter's disability.

Sec. 2743.02. (A)(1) The state hereby waives its immunity from liability, except as provided for the office of the state fire marshal in division (G)(1) of section 9.60 and division (B) of section 3737.221 of the Revised Code, and consents to be sued, and have its liability determined, in the court of claims created in this chapter in accordance with the same rules of law applicable to suits between private parties, except that the determination of liability is subject to the limitations set forth in this chapter and, in the case of state universities or colleges, in section 3345.40 of the Revised Code, and except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section. To the extent that the state has previously consented to be sued, this chapter has no applicability.

Except in the case of a civil action filed by the state, filing a civil action in the court of claims results in a complete waiver of any cause of action, based on the same act or omission, which the filing party has against any officer or employee, as defined in section 109.36 of the Revised Code. The waiver shall be void if the court determines that the act or omission was manifestly outside the scope of the officer's or employee's office or employment or that the officer or employee acted with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner.

(2) If a claimant proves in the court of claims that an officer or employee, as defined in section 109.36 of the Revised Code, would have personal liability for ~~his~~ the officer's or employee's acts or omissions but for the fact that the officer or employee has personal immunity under section 9.86 of the Revised Code, the state shall be held liable in the court of claims

in any action that is timely filed pursuant to section 2743.16 of the Revised Code and that is based upon the acts or omissions.

(B) The state hereby waives the immunity from liability of all hospitals owned or operated by one or more political subdivisions and consents for them to be sued, and to have their liability determined, in the court of common pleas, in accordance with the same rules of law applicable to suits between private parties, subject to the limitations set forth in this chapter. This division is also applicable to hospitals owned or operated by political subdivisions which have been determined by the supreme court to be subject to suit prior to July 28, 1975.

(C) Any hospital, as defined under section 2305.11 of the Revised Code, may purchase liability insurance covering its operations and activities and its agents, employees, nurses, interns, residents, staff, and members of the governing board and committees, and, whether or not such insurance is purchased, may, to such extent as its governing board considers appropriate, indemnify or agree to indemnify and hold harmless any such person against expense, including attorney's fees, damage, loss, or other liability arising out of, or claimed to have arisen out of, the death, disease, or injury of any person as a result of the negligence, malpractice, or other action or inaction of the indemnified person while acting within the scope of ~~his~~ the indemnified person's duties or engaged in activities at the request or direction, or for the benefit, of the hospital. Any hospital electing to indemnify such persons, or to agree to so indemnify, shall reserve such funds as are necessary, in the exercise of sound and prudent actuarial judgment, to cover the potential expense, fees, damage, loss, or other liability. The superintendent of insurance may recommend, or, if such hospital requests ~~him~~ the superintendent to do so, the superintendent shall recommend, a specific amount for any period that, in ~~his~~ the superintendent's opinion, represents such a judgment. This authority is in addition to any authorization otherwise provided or permitted by law.

(D) Recoveries against the state shall be reduced by the aggregate of insurance proceeds, disability award, or other collateral recovery received by the claimant. This division does not apply to civil actions in the court of claims against a state university or college under the circumstances described in section 3345.40 of the Revised Code. The collateral benefits provisions of division (B)(2) of that section apply under those circumstances.

(E) The only defendant in original actions in the court of claims is the state. The state may file a third-party complaint or counterclaim in any civil action, except a civil action for two thousand five hundred dollars or less,

that is filed in the court of claims.

(F) A civil action against an officer or employee, as defined in section 109.36 of the Revised Code, that alleges that the officer's or employee's conduct was manifestly outside the scope of ~~his~~ the officer's or employee's employment or official responsibilities, or that the officer or employee acted with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner shall first be filed against the state in the court of claims, which has exclusive, original jurisdiction to determine, initially, whether the officer or employee is entitled to personal immunity under section 9.86 of the Revised Code and whether the courts of common pleas have jurisdiction over the civil action.

The filing of a claim against an officer or employee under this division tolls the running of the applicable statute of limitations until the court of claims determines whether the officer or employee is entitled to personal immunity under section 9.86 of the Revised Code.

(G) Whenever a claim lies against an officer or employee who is a member of the Ohio national guard, and the officer or employee was, at the time of the act or omission complained of, subject to the "Federal Tort Claims Act," 60 Stat. 842 (1946), 28 U.S.C. 2671, et seq., then the Federal Tort Claims Act is the exclusive remedy of the claimant and the state has no liability under this section.

Sec. 2909.01. As used in sections 2909.01 to 2909.07 of the Revised Code:

(A) To "create a substantial risk of serious physical harm to any person" includes the creation of a substantial risk of serious physical harm to any emergency personnel.

(B) "Emergency personnel" means any of the following persons:

(1) A peace officer, as defined in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code;

(2) A member of a fire department or other firefighting agency of a municipal corporation, township, township fire district, joint fire district, other political subdivision, or combination of political subdivisions;

(3) A member of a private fire company, as defined in section 9.60 of the Revised Code, or a volunteer firefighter;

(4) A member of a joint ambulance district or joint emergency medical services district;

(5) An emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, emergency medical technician-paramedic, ambulance operator, or other member of an emergency medical service that is owned or operated by a political subdivision or a private entity;

(6) The state fire marshal, the chief deputy state fire marshal, or an assistant state fire marshal, ~~or an arson investigator of the office of the state~~

~~fire marshal;~~

(7) A fire prevention officer of a political subdivision or an arson ~~investigator, fire,~~ or similar ~~inspector~~ investigator of a political subdivision.

(C) "Occupied structure" means any house, building, outbuilding, watercraft, aircraft, railroad car, truck, trailer, tent, or other structure, vehicle, or shelter, or any portion thereof, to which any of the following applies:

(1) It is maintained as a permanent or temporary dwelling, even though it is temporarily unoccupied and whether or not any person is actually present.

(2) At the time, it is occupied as the permanent or temporary habitation of any person, whether or not any person is actually present.

(3) At the time, it is specially adapted for the overnight accommodation of any person, whether or not any person is actually present.

(4) At the time, any person is present or likely to be present in it.

(D) "Political subdivision" and "state" have the same meanings as in section 2744.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2921.22. (A) No person, knowing that a felony has been or is being committed, shall knowingly fail to report such information to law enforcement authorities.

(B) Except for conditions that are within the scope of division (E) of this section, no ~~person who is a~~ physician, limited practitioner, nurse, or other person giving aid to a sick or injured person shall negligently fail to report to law enforcement authorities any gunshot or stab wound ~~that the person~~ treated or observed by the physician, limited practitioner, nurse, or person, or any serious physical harm to persons that the physician, limited practitioner, nurse, or person knows or has reasonable cause to believe resulted from an offense of violence.

(C) No person who discovers the body or acquires the first knowledge of the death of a person shall fail to report the death immediately to a physician whom the person knows to be treating the deceased for a condition from which death at such time would not be unexpected, or to a law enforcement officer, an ambulance service, an emergency squad, or the coroner in a political subdivision in which the body is discovered, the death is believed to have occurred, or knowledge concerning the death is obtained.

(D) No person shall fail to provide upon request of the person to whom ~~the person~~ a report required by division (C) of this section was made, or to any law enforcement officer who has reasonable cause to assert the authority to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death, any facts within the person's knowledge that may have a bearing on the investigation of the

death.

(E)(1) As used in this division, "burn injury" means any of the following:

- (a) Second or third degree burns;
- (b) Any burns to the upper respiratory tract or laryngeal edema due to the inhalation of superheated air;
- (c) Any burn injury or wound that may result in death;
- (d) Any physical harm to persons caused by or as the result of the use of fireworks, novelties and trick noisemakers, and wire sparklers, as each is defined by section 3743.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) No physician, nurse, or limited practitioner who, outside a hospital, sanitarium, or other medical facility, attends or treats a person who has sustained a burn injury that is inflicted by an explosion or other incendiary device; or that shows evidence of having been inflicted in a violent, malicious, or criminal manner; shall fail to report the burn injury immediately to the local arson, or fire and explosion investigation, bureau, if there is ~~such~~ a bureau of this type in the jurisdiction in which the person is attended or treated, or otherwise to local law enforcement authorities.

(3) No manager, superintendent, or other person in charge of a hospital, sanitarium, or other medical facility in which a person is attended or treated for any burn injury that is inflicted by an explosion or other incendiary device; or that shows evidence of having been inflicted in a violent, malicious, or criminal manner; shall fail to report the burn injury immediately to the local arson, or fire and explosion investigation, bureau, if there is ~~such~~ a bureau of this type in the jurisdiction in which the person is attended or treated, or otherwise to local law enforcement authorities.

(4) No person who is required to report any burn injury under division (E)(2) or (3) of this section shall fail to file, within three working days after attending or treating the victim, a written report of the burn injury with the office of the state fire marshal. The report shall ~~be made on a form provided~~ comply with the uniform standard developed by the state fire marshal pursuant to division (A)(15) of section 3737.22 of the Revised Code.

(5) Anyone participating in the making of reports under division (E) of this section or anyone participating in a judicial proceeding resulting from the reports is immune from any civil or criminal liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed as a result of such actions. Notwithstanding section 4731.22 of the Revised Code, the physician-patient relationship is not a ground for excluding evidence regarding a person's burn injury or the cause of the burn injury in any judicial proceeding resulting from a report submitted ~~pursuant to~~ under division (E) of this section.

(F)(1) Any doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, hospital intern or resident, registered or licensed practical nurse, psychologist, social worker, independent social worker, social work assistant, professional clinical counselor, or professional counselor who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a patient or client has been the victim of domestic violence, as defined in section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, shall note that knowledge or belief and the basis for it in the patient's or client's records.

(2) Notwithstanding section 4731.22 of the Revised Code, the doctor-patient privilege shall not be a ground for excluding any information regarding the report containing the knowledge or belief noted ~~pursuant to~~ under division (F)(1) of this section, and the information may be admitted as evidence in accordance with the Rules of Evidence.

(G) ~~Division~~ Divisions (A) ~~or~~ and (D) of this section ~~does~~ do not require disclosure of information, when any of the following applies:

(1) The information is privileged by reason of the relationship between attorney and client; doctor and patient; licensed psychologist or licensed school psychologist and client; member of the clergy, rabbi, minister, or priest and any person communicating information confidentially to the member of the clergy ~~clergyman~~, rabbi, minister, or priest for a religious counseling purpose ~~the~~ of a professional character ~~of the member of the clergy, rabbi, minister, or priest~~; husband and wife; or a communications assistant and those who are a party to a telecommunications relay service call.

(2) The information would tend to incriminate a member of the actor's immediate family.

(3) Disclosure of the information would amount to revealing a news source, privileged under section 2739.04 or 2739.12 of the Revised Code.

(4) Disclosure of the information would amount to disclosure by a member of the ordained clergy of an organized religious body of a confidential communication made to that member of the clergy ~~the~~ clergyman in that member's a capacity as a clergyman member of the clergy by a person seeking the aid or counsel of that member of the clergy.

(5) Disclosure would amount to revealing information acquired by the actor in the course of the actor's duties in connection with a bona fide program of treatment or services for drug dependent persons or persons in danger of drug dependence, which program is maintained or conducted by a hospital, clinic, person, agency, or organization certified pursuant to section 3793.06 of the Revised Code.

(6) Disclosure would amount to revealing information acquired by the actor in the course of the actor's duties in connection with a bona fide

program for providing counseling services to victims of crimes that are violations of section 2907.02 or 2907.05 of the Revised Code or to victims of felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, "counseling services" include services provided in an informal setting by a person who, by education or experience, is competent to provide ~~such~~ those services.

(H) No disclosure of information pursuant to this section gives rise to any liability or recrimination for a breach of privilege or confidence.

(I) Whoever violates division (A) or (B) of this section is guilty of failure to report a crime. Violation of division (A) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Violation of division (B) of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(J) Whoever violates division (C) or (D) of this section is guilty of failure to report knowledge of a death, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(K)(1) Whoever negligently violates division (E) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(2) Whoever knowingly violates division (E) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

Sec. 3737.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Assistant fire marshal" means any person ~~directly~~ who is employed by the fire marshal and who is involved in ~~carries out specific duties assigned by the fire marshal, including, but not limited to, enforcement of Chapters 3731., 3737., and 3743. of the Revised Code, fire inspection, fire code enforcement,~~ fire investigation, fire prevention, ~~hazardous materials incidents,~~ or the regulation of underground storage tank systems as ~~that term~~ is defined in section 3737.87 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Consumer goods" means any item sold, leased, or rented primarily for personal or household use.

(C) "Fire agency" means any state or local fire service or agency whose function is to examine the property of another person for the purpose of identifying fire safety hazards.

(D) "Fire safety inspector" means any person who is a member of the civil service, as defined in section 124.01 of the Revised Code, or who is employed by or voluntarily serves a village or township, and who examines the property of another person for the purpose of identifying fire safety hazards.

(E) "Person," in addition to the meaning in section 1.59 of the Revised Code, means the state and any political subdivision of the state, and any other entity, public or private.

(F) "Responsible person" means the person responsible for compliance

with the state fire code, including, but not limited to, the owner, lessee, agent, operator, or occupant of a building, premises, or vehicle.

Sec. 3737.03. The state fire commission may do all of the following:

(A) Conduct research, make and publish reports on fire safety, and recommend to the governor, the general assembly, the board of building standards, and other state agencies, any needed changes in the laws, rules, or administrative policies relating to fire safety;

(B) Recommend revisions in the rules included in the state fire code adopted by the fire marshal. The recommendations may propose the adoption of new rules or the amendment or repeal of existing rules. The commission shall file its recommendations in the office of the fire marshal, and, within sixty days after the recommendations are filed, the fire marshal shall file with the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the commission ~~his~~ the fire marshal's comments on, and proposed action in response to, the recommendations.

(C) Maintain the Ohio fire service hall of fame. In maintaining the hall of fame, the commission shall keep official commendations that recognize and commemorate exemplary accomplishments and acts of heroism by firefighters and other persons at fire-related incidents or similar events occurring in the state. The commission may adopt criteria and guidelines for selecting individuals for that recognition and commemoration. The recognition and commemoration of individuals may occur annually and include an annual awards ceremony. The expenses associated with the recognition and commemoration of individuals shall be paid in accordance with division (F) of section 3737.81 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3737.16. (A) The fire marshal, any assistant fire marshal, the chief ~~or any deputy~~ of the ~~arson~~ fire and explosion investigation bureau established pursuant to section 3737.22 of the Revised Code, the chief of a fire department of any municipal corporation or township where a fire department is established, the fire prevention officer of any municipal corporation or township where no fire department exists, any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, or the prosecuting attorney of any county may request any insurance company that has investigated or is investigating a fire loss or potential fire loss of real or personal property to release any information in its possession relative to that loss or potential loss. The company shall release the information and cooperate with any official authorized to request ~~such~~ the information ~~pursuant to~~ under this section. The information shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Any insurance policy relevant to a fire loss under investigation and any application for such a policy;

(2) Policy premium payment records;

(3) History of previous claims made by the insured or previous insureds for fire loss;

(4) Material relating to the investigation of the loss or potential loss, including statements of any person, proof of loss, and any other relevant evidence.

(B) If an insurance company has reason to suspect that a fire loss to its insured's real or personal property was caused by incendiary means, the company shall notify the fire marshal and the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the loss occurred, and furnish them with all relevant material acquired during its investigation of the fire loss, cooperate with and take such action as may be requested of it by any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, and permit any other person ordered by a court to inspect any of its records pertaining to the policy and the loss.

(C) If an agency, official, or officer mentioned in division (A) or (B) of this section has received information ~~pursuant to~~ under those divisions from an insurance company that has investigated or is investigating a fire loss of real or personal property, the agency, official, or officer may release to, and share with, the insurance company any information in ~~his~~ the agency's, official's, or officer's possession relative to ~~such~~ the loss, upon the request of the insurance company.

(D) In the absence of fraud or malice, no insurance company, or person who furnishes information on its behalf, is liable ~~for~~ in damages in any civil action, including any action brought pursuant to section 1347.10 of the Revised Code, or subject to criminal prosecution for any oral or written statement made or any other action taken that is necessary to supply information required ~~pursuant to~~ under this section.

(E) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this section, the officials and departmental and agency personnel receiving any information furnished ~~pursuant to~~ under this section shall hold the information in confidence until such time as its release is required pursuant to a criminal or civil proceeding.

(F) Any official referred to in division (A) of this section may testify as to any information in ~~his~~ the official's possession regarding the fire loss of real or personal property in any civil action in which any person seeks recovery under a policy against an insurance company for the fire loss.

(G) As used in this section, "insurance company" includes the Ohio fair plan underwriting association as established in section 3929.43 of the Revised Code.

(H)(1) No person shall purposely refuse to release any information

requested, pursuant to division (A) of this section, by an agency, official, or officer authorized to request ~~such~~ the information by that division.

(2) No person shall purposely refuse to notify the fire marshal and prosecuting attorney of a fire loss required to be reported ~~pursuant to~~ under division (B) of this section.

(3) No person shall purposely refuse to supply the fire marshal and prosecuting attorney with pertinent information required to be furnished ~~pursuant to~~ under division (B) of this section.

(4) No person shall purposely fail to hold in confidence information required to be held in confidence by division (E) of this section.

Sec. 3737.21. (A) The director of the department of commerce shall appoint, from names submitted to ~~him~~ the director by the state fire commission, a fire marshal, who shall serve at the pleasure of the director and shall possess the following qualifications:

(1) A degree from an accredited college or university with specialized study in either the field of fire protection or fire protection engineering, or the equivalent qualifications determined from ~~his~~ training, experience, and duties in a fire service;

(2) Five years of recent, progressively more responsible experience in fire inspection, fire code enforcement, fire investigation, fire protection engineering, teaching of fire safety engineering, or fire fighting.

(B) When a vacancy occurs in the position of fire marshal, the director shall notify the state fire commission. The commission shall communicate the fact of the vacancy by regular mail to all fire chiefs and fire protection engineers known to the commission, or whose identity may be ascertained by the commission by the exercise of due diligence. The commission ~~shall~~, no earlier than thirty days after mailing the notification, shall compile a list of all applicants for the position of fire marshal who are qualified under this section. The commission shall submit the names of at least three persons on the list to the director. The director shall appoint the fire marshal from the list of at least three names or may request the commission to submit additional names.

Sec. 3737.22. (A) The fire marshal shall do all of the following:

(1) Adopt the state fire code under sections 3737.82 to 3737.86 of the Revised Code;

(2) Enforce the state fire code;

(3) Appoint assistant fire marshals who are authorized to enforce the state fire code;

(4) Conduct investigations into the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires and explosions, and ~~prosecute~~ assist in the prosecution of persons

believed to be guilty of arson or a similar crime;

(5) Compile statistics concerning loss due to fire and explosion as the fire marshal considers necessary, and consider the compatibility of the fire marshal's system of compilation with the systems of other state and federal agencies and fire marshals of other states;

(6) Engage in research on the cause and prevention of losses due to fire and explosion;

(7) Engage in public education and informational activities which will inform the public of fire safety information;

(8) Operate a fire training academy and ~~arson-crime~~ forensic laboratory;

(9) Conduct ~~such~~ other fire safety and fire fighting training activities for the public and groups as will further the cause of fire safety;

(10) ~~Issue~~ Conduct licensing examinations, and issue permits, licenses, and certificates, as authorized by the Revised Code;

(11) Conduct tests of fire protection systems and devices, and fire fighting equipment to determine compliance with the state fire code, unless a building is insured against the hazard of fire, in which case such tests may be performed by the company insuring the building;

(12) Establish and collect fees for conducting licensing examinations and for issuing permits, licenses, and certificates;

(13) Make available for the prosecuting attorney and an assistant prosecuting attorney from each county of this state, in accordance with section 3737.331 of the Revised Code, a seminar program, attendance at which is optional, that is designed to provide current information, data, training, and techniques relative to the prosecution of arson cases;

(14) Administer and enforce Chapter 3743. of the Revised Code;

(15) Develop a ~~form~~ uniform standard for the ~~written report~~ reporting of information required to be filed under division (E)(4) of section 2921.22 of the Revised Code, and accept ~~such~~ the reports of the information when they are filed.

(B) The fire marshal shall appoint a chief deputy fire marshal, and shall employ professional and clerical ~~assistance~~ assistants as the fire marshal considers necessary. The chief deputy shall be a competent former or current member of a fire agency and possess five years of recent, progressively more responsible experience in fire inspection, fire code enforcement, and fire code management. ~~All~~ The chief deputy, with the approval of the director of commerce, shall temporarily assume the duties of the fire marshal when the fire marshal is absent or temporarily unable to carry out the duties of the office. When there is a vacancy in the office of fire marshal, the chief deputy, with the approval of the director of

commerce, shall temporarily assume the duties of the fire marshal until a new fire marshal is appointed under section 3737.21 of the Revised Code.

All employees, other than the fire marshal; the chief deputy; fire marshal; the superintendent of the Ohio fire academy; the grants administrator; the fiscal officer; the executive secretary to the state fire marshal; legal counsel; the pyrotechnics administrator, the chief of the forensic laboratory; the person appointed by the fire marshal to serve as administrator over functions concerning testing, license examinations, and the issuance of permits and certificates; and the chiefs of the ~~bureau~~ bureaus of fire prevention, the arson bureau, the arson-crime laboratory of fire and explosion investigation, of code enforcement, and the ~~bureau~~ of underground storage tanks; shall be in the classified civil service. The fire marshal shall authorize the chief deputy and other employees under the fire marshal's supervision to exercise powers granted to the fire marshal by law as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the fire marshal's office.

(C) The fire marshal shall create, in and as a part of the office of fire marshal, ~~an arson a fire and explosion investigation~~ bureau consisting of a chief of the bureau; and ~~such~~ additional assistant fire marshals as the fire marshal determines necessary for the efficient administration of the bureau. The chief shall be experienced in the investigation of the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires, and in administration, including the supervision of subordinates. The chief, among other duties delegated to the chief by the fire marshal, shall be responsible, under the direction of the fire marshal, for the investigation of the cause, origin, and circumstances of ~~each fire~~ fires and explosions in the state, and for assistance in the prosecution of persons believed to be guilty of arson or a similar crime.

(D) At the fire marshal's discretion, the (1) The fire marshal shall create, as part of the office of fire marshal, a bureau of code enforcement consisting of a chief of the bureau and additional assistant fire marshals as the fire marshal determines necessary for the efficient administration of the bureau. The chief shall be qualified, by education or experience, in fire inspection, fire code development, fire code enforcement, or any other similar field determined by the fire marshal, and in administration, including the supervision of subordinates. The chief is responsible, under the direction of the fire marshal, for fire inspection, fire code development, fire code enforcement, and any other duties delegated to the chief by the fire marshal.

(2) The fire marshal, or the chief deputy under the direction of the fire marshal, the chief of the bureau of code enforcement, or any assistant fire marshal under the direction of the fire marshal, the chief deputy fire marshal, or the chief of the bureau of code enforcement may cause the

~~inspection~~ to be conducted the inspection of all buildings, structures, and other places, the condition of which may be dangerous from a fire safety standpoint to life or property, or to property adjacent ~~thereto~~ to the buildings, structures, or other places.

(E) The fire marshal shall create, as a part of the office of fire marshal, a bureau of fire prevention consisting of a chief of the bureau, and ~~such~~ additional assistant fire marshals as the fire marshal determines necessary for the efficient administration of the bureau. The chief shall be qualified, by education or experience, to promote programs for rural and urban fire prevention and protection. The chief, among other duties delegated to the chief by the fire marshal, is responsible, under the direction of the fire marshal, for the promotion of rural and urban fire prevention and protection through public information and education programs.

(F) The fire marshal shall cooperate with the director of job and family services when the director ~~promulgates~~ adopts rules ~~pursuant to~~ under section 5104.052 of the Revised Code regarding fire prevention and fire safety in certified type B family day-care homes, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code, recommend procedures for inspecting type B homes to determine whether they are in compliance with those rules, and provide training and technical assistance to the director and county directors of job and family services on the procedures for determining compliance with those rules.

(G) The fire marshal, upon request of a provider of child day-care in a type B home that is not certified by the county director of job and family services, as a precondition of approval by the state board of education ~~pursuant to~~ under section 3313.813 of the Revised Code for receipt of United States department of agriculture child and adult care food program funds established under the "National School Lunch Act," 60 Stat. 230 (1946), 42 U.S.C. 1751, as amended, shall inspect the type B home to determine compliance with rules ~~promulgated pursuant to~~ adopted under section 5104.052 of the Revised Code regarding fire prevention and fire safety in certified type B homes. In municipal corporations and in townships where there is a certified fire safety inspector, the inspections shall be made by that inspector under the supervision of the fire marshal, according to rules ~~promulgated pursuant to~~ adopted under section 5104.052 of the Revised Code. In townships outside municipal corporations where there is no certified fire safety inspector, inspections shall be made by the fire marshal.

Sec. 3737.221. (A) As used in this section, "motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The office of the fire marshal is liable for injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by the negligent operation of any motor vehicle by its employees upon the public roads, highways, or streets in the state when the employees are engaged within the scope of their employment and authority, without regard to the proximity of that operation to the office of the fire marshal. Notwithstanding division (A)(1) of section 2743.02 of the Revised Code, a full defense to that liability is that if the fire marshal, the chief deputy fire marshal, or an assistant fire marshal was operating the motor vehicle, the fire marshal, chief deputy fire marshal, or assistant fire marshal was acting within the scope of division (A)(2), (4), or (14) of section 3737.22, or section 3737.24 or 3737.26, of the Revised Code and the operation of the vehicle did not constitute willful or wanton misconduct.

(C) The fire marshal, the chief deputy fire marshal, and any assistant fire marshal is immune from liability for injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by the operation of any motor vehicle upon the public roads, highways, or streets in the state when acting within the scope of division (A)(2), (4), or (14) of section 3737.22, or section 3737.24 or 3737.26, of the Revised Code, without regard to the proximity of that operation to the office of the fire marshal, unless one of the following applies:

(1) The operation of the vehicle was manifestly outside the scope of the employee's employment or official responsibilities.

(2) The operation of the vehicle constituted willful or wanton misconduct.

~~Sec. 3737.26. If the fire marshal or an assistant fire marshal, is of the opinion~~ determines that there is evidence sufficient to charge a person with arson or a similar crime, or with a violation of section 3737.62 of the Revised Code, ~~he shall~~ the marshal or assistant marshal may arrest ~~such~~ the person or cause ~~him~~ the person to be arrested and charged with ~~such~~ the offense. ~~Such~~ The fire marshal or assistant ~~marshal~~ fire marshal shall ~~furnish~~ provide the prosecuting attorney ~~such~~ the evidence, ~~with~~ the names of witnesses, and a copy of material testimony taken in the case.

~~Sec. 3737.27. The fire marshal or an assistant fire marshal may summon and compel the attendance of witnesses to testify in relation to any matter which that is a proper subject of inquiry and or investigation, and may require the production of any book, paper, or document, or record, regardless of physical form or characteristic.~~

~~Sec. 3737.28. The fire marshal or an assistant fire marshal may administer an oath to any person appearing as a witness before him the fire marshal or assistant fire marshal. No witness shall refuse to be sworn or,~~

refuse to testify, ~~or~~ disobey an order of the fire marshal, or ~~of~~ an assistant fire marshal, or fail or refuse to produce a book, paper, ~~or~~ document, or record, regardless of physical form or characteristic, concerning a matter under examination, or be guilty of contemptuous conduct after being summoned by ~~such officer~~ the fire marshal or an assistant fire marshal to appear before ~~him~~ the fire marshal or assistant fire marshal to give testimony in relation to a matter or subject under investigation.

Sec. 3737.42. (A) If, upon inspection or investigation, the fire marshal, an assistant fire marshal, or a certified fire safety inspector believes that the state fire code or an associated order has been violated, ~~he~~ the fire marshal, assistant fire marshal, or certified fire safety inspector shall, with reasonable promptness, issue a citation to the responsible person. Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe with particularity the nature of the violation, including a reference to the provision of the state fire code or associated order alleged to have been violated. In addition, the citation shall fix a reasonable time for the abatement of the violation. When the citation is issued by ~~an officer other than the fire marshal~~ a certified fire safety inspector or an assistant fire marshal, a copy of the citation shall be furnished to the fire marshal.

(B) The fire marshal may prescribe procedures for the issuance of a notice in lieu of a citation with respect to de minimis violations ~~which~~ that have no direct or immediate relationship to safety or health.

(C) Each citation issued under this section, or a copy or copies ~~thereof~~ of the citation, shall be prominently posted by the responsible person, as prescribed in the state fire code, at or near each place a violation referred to in the citation occurs.

Sec. 3737.43. (A) If, after an inspection or investigation, ~~an officer~~ the fire marshal, an assistant fire marshal, or a certified fire safety inspector issues a citation under section 3737.41 or 3737.42 of the Revised Code, ~~he~~ the issuing authority shall, within a reasonable time after such inspection or investigation and in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, notify the responsible person ~~by certified mail~~ of the citation and penalty, if any, proposed to be assessed under section 3737.51 of the Revised Code, and of the responsible person's right to appeal the citation and penalty, under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, to the state board of building appeals established under section 3781.19 of the Revised Code within thirty days after receipt of the notice.

(B) If the responsible person is aggrieved by an order of the board, the person may appeal to the court of common pleas where the property that is the subject of the citation is located, within thirty days after the board

renders its decision.

(C) As used in this section, "issuing authority" means the office of the fire marshal, in the case of a citation issued by the fire marshal or an assistant fire marshal, or the applicable township or municipal corporation, in the case of a citation issued by a certified fire safety inspector.

Sec. 3737.45. If any responsible person fails to comply with an order of the fire marshal, an assistant fire marshal, or a certified fire safety inspector as finally affirmed or modified by the ~~hearing officer pursuant to~~ state board of building appeals under section 3737.43 of the Revised Code, within the time fixed in ~~such~~ the order, then ~~such officer~~ the fire marshal, assistant fire marshal, or certified fire safety inspector may file a complaint in the court of common pleas of the county where the property is located for a court order authorizing ~~him~~ the fire marshal, assistant fire marshal, or certified fire safety inspector to cause the building, structure, or premises to be repaired; or demolished, materials to be removed, and all dangerous conditions to be remedied, if such was the mandate of the order as affirmed or modified by the ~~hearing officer~~ state board of building appeals, at the expense of the responsible person. If the responsible person, within thirty days thereafter, fails, neglects, or refuses to pay the expense that would be incurred in enforcing the ~~court~~ order of the court of common pleas ~~court~~ under this section, the court shall order that the real estate upon which the building, structure, or premises is or was situated be sold pursuant to Chapter 2329. of the Revised Code, except as otherwise provided in this section. The proceeds of the sale shall be credited to the fire marshal's fund. The fire marshal shall use the proceeds of the sale to cause the repair or demolition of any building, structure, or premises, the removal of materials, or the remedy of all dangerous conditions unless the purchaser of the real estate enters into an agreement with the court to perform the repair, demolition, removal, or remedy within a time period acceptable to the court. No bid of a prospective purchaser shall be acceptable which is insufficient to pay the expense ~~which~~ that the fire marshal would incur. If the amount received from the sale exceeds the expense ~~which~~ that the fire marshal would incur, the court shall direct the payment of the surplus first to those parties with encumbrances, mortgages, or liens on the real estate in order of their priority, and then to the responsible person or into the court for its use and benefit.

Sec. 3737.81. (A) There is hereby created the state fire commission consisting of ten members to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The fire marshal or ~~his~~ chief deputy fire marshal, a representative designated by the department of public safety who has

tenure in fire suppression, and a representative designated by the board of building standards shall be ex officio members. Of the initial appointments made to the commission, two shall be for a term ending one year after ~~the effective date of this section~~ November 1, 1978, two shall be for a term ending two years after that date, two shall be for a term ending three years after that date, two shall be for a term ending four years after that date, and two shall be for a term ending five years after that date. Thereafter, terms of office shall be for five years, each term ending on the same day of the same month of the year as did the term which it succeeds. Each member shall hold office from the date of ~~his~~ appointment until the end of the term for which ~~he~~ the member was appointed. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which ~~his~~ the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of ~~such~~ that term. Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of ~~his~~ the member's term until ~~his~~ a successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. Members shall be qualified by experience and training to deal with the matters that are the responsibility of the commission. Two members shall be members of paid fire services, one shall be a member of volunteer fire services, two shall be mayors, managers, or members of legislative authorities of ~~municipalities~~ municipal corporations, one shall represent commerce and industry, one shall be a representative of a fire insurance company domiciled in this state, one shall represent the flammable liquids industry, one shall represent the construction industry, and one shall represent the public. At no time shall more than six members be members of or associated with the same political party. Membership on the commission shall not constitute holding a public office, and no person shall forfeit or otherwise vacate ~~his~~ the person's office or position of employment because of membership on the commission.

(B) The ex officio members may not vote, except that the fire marshal or ~~his~~ chief deputy fire marshal may vote in case of a tie.

(C) Each member of the commission, other than ex officio members, shall be paid an amount equal to that payable under pay range 32 (S)(D) fixed pursuant to division (J) of section 124.15 of the Revised Code, and ~~his~~ the member's actual and necessary expenses.

(D) The commission shall select a ~~chairman~~ chairperson and a ~~vice-chairman~~ vice-chairperson from among its members. No business may be transacted in the absence of a quorum. A quorum shall be at least six members, excluding ex officio members, and shall include either the ~~chairman~~ chairperson or ~~vice-chairman~~ vice-chairperson. The commission shall hold regular meetings at least once every two months and may meet at

any other time at the call of the ~~chairman~~ chairperson.

(E) The fire marshal shall provide the commission with office space, meeting rooms, staff, and clerical assistance necessary for the commission to perform its duties. If the commission maintains the Ohio fire service hall of fame under division (C) of section 3737.03 of the Revised Code, the fire marshal shall preserve, in an appropriate manner, in the office space or meeting rooms provided to the commission under this division or in another location, copies of all official commendations awarded to individuals recognized and commemorated for their exemplary accomplishments and acts of heroism at fire-related incidents or similar events that occurred in this state.

(F) If the commission maintains the Ohio fire service hall of fame under division (C) of section 3737.03 of the Revised Code, the expenses incurred for the recognition and commemoration of individuals for their exemplary accomplishments and acts of heroism at fire-related incidents or similar events that occurred in this state, including, but not limited to, expenses for official commendations and an annual awards ceremony as described in division (C) of section 3737.03 of the Revised Code, may be paid from moneys appropriated by the general assembly for purposes of that recognition and commemoration, from moneys that are available to the fire marshal under this chapter, or from other funding sources available to the commission.

Sec. 4765.49. (A) A first responder, emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or emergency medical technician-paramedic is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from the individual's administration of emergency medical services, unless the services are administered in a manner that constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. A physician or registered nurse designated by a physician, who is advising or assisting in the emergency medical services by means of any communication device or telemetering system, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from the individual's advisory communication or assistance, unless the advisory communication or assistance is provided in a manner that constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. Medical directors and members of cooperating physician advisory boards of emergency medical service organizations are not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from their acts or omissions in the performance of their duties, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(B) A political subdivision, joint ambulance district, joint emergency

medical services district, or other public agency, and any officer or employee of a public agency or of a private organization operating under contract or in joint agreement with one or more political subdivisions, that provides emergency medical services, or that enters into a joint agreement or a contract with the state, any political subdivision, joint ambulance district, or joint emergency medical services district for the provision of emergency medical services, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property arising out of any actions taken by a first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic working under the officer's or employee's jurisdiction, or for injury, death, or loss to person or property arising out of any actions of licensed medical personnel advising or assisting the first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic, unless the services are provided in a manner that constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(C) A student who is enrolled in an emergency medical services training program accredited under section 4765.17 of the Revised Code or an emergency medical services continuing education program approved under that section is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from either of the following:

(1) The student's administration of emergency medical services or patient care or treatment, if the services, care, or treatment is administered while the student is under the direct supervision and in the immediate presence of an EMT-basic, EMT-I, paramedic, registered nurse, or physician and while the student is receiving clinical training that is required by the program, unless the services, care, or treatment is provided in a manner that constitutes willful or wanton misconduct;

(2) The student's training as an ambulance driver, unless the driving is done in a manner that constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(D) An EMT-basic, EMT-I, paramedic, or other operator, who holds a valid commercial driver's license issued pursuant to Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code or driver's license issued pursuant to Chapter 4507. of the Revised Code and who is employed by an emergency medical service organization that is not owned or operated by a political subdivision as defined in section 2744.01 of the Revised Code, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that is caused by the operation of an ambulance by the EMT-basic, EMT-I, paramedic, or other operator while responding to or completing a call for emergency medical services, unless the operation constitutes willful or wanton misconduct or does not comply with the precautions of section 4511.03 of the Revised Code. An emergency medical service organization is not liable

in damages in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that is caused by the operation of an ambulance by its employee or agent, if this division grants the employee or agent immunity from civil liability for the injury, death, or loss.

(E) An employee or agent of an emergency medical service organization who receives requests for emergency medical services that are directed to the organization, dispatches first responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics in response to ~~such~~ those requests, communicates ~~such~~ those requests to those employees or agents of the organization who are authorized to dispatch first responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, or paramedics, or performs any combination of these functions for the organization, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from the individual's acts or omissions in the performance of those duties for the organization, unless an act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(F) A person who is performing the functions of a first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic under the authority of the laws of a state that borders this state and who provides emergency medical services to or transportation of a patient in this state is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from the person's administration of emergency medical services, unless the services are administered in a manner that constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. A physician or registered nurse designated by a physician, who is licensed to practice in the adjoining state and who is advising or assisting in the emergency medical services by means of any communication device or telemetering system is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from the person's advisory communication or assistance, unless the advisory communication or assistance is provided in a manner that constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(G) A person certified under section 4765.23 of the Revised Code to teach in an emergency medical services training program or emergency medical services continuing education program, and a person who teaches at the Ohio fire academy established under section 3737.33 of the Revised Code or in a fire service training program described in division (B) of section 4765.55 of the Revised Code, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from the person's acts or omissions in the performance of the person's duties, unless an act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(H) In the accreditation of emergency medical services training

programs or approval of emergency medical services continuing education programs, the state board of emergency medical services and any person or entity authorized by the board to evaluate applications for accreditation or approval are not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from their acts or omissions in the performance of their duties, unless an act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(I) A person authorized by an emergency medical service organization to review the performance of first responders, EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics or to administer quality assurance programs is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property resulting from the person's acts or omissions in the performance of the person's duties, unless an act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 9.60, 146.01, 146.12, 2743.02, 2909.01, 2921.22, 3737.01, 3737.03, 3737.16, 3737.21, 3737.22, 3737.26, 3737.27, 3737.28, 3737.42, 3737.43, 3737.45, 3737.81, and 4765.49 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall be known as the "Fire Marshal Modernization Act."

SECTION 4. Section 2921.22 of the Revised Code is presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 445 and Sub. S.B. 223 of the 121st General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in this act.

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*Speaker* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the House of Representatives.*

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*President* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the Senate.*

Passed \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

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*Director, Legislative Service Commission.*

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, on the  
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*Secretary of State.*

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