

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 SENATE BILL NO. 419

By: Leftwich of the Senate

and

Ostrander of the House

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10 An Act relating to the State Fire Marshal Commission;
11 amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 324.9, which relates
12 to the State Fire Marshal; providing gender neutral
13 language; expanding types of investigations;
14 providing enforcement of certain laws; expanding
15 enforcement authority; expanding scope of reports;
16 providing an effective date; and declaring an
17 emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 324.9, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 324.9 The State Fire Marshal or his or her deputies may
22 make investigations ~~of arson~~ to determine the origin and cause of
23 fires, explosions, or suspected arson, and if he shall be of the
24 ~~opinion that there is evidence sufficient to charge any person with~~
25 ~~the crime of arson, or with the attempt to commit the crime of~~
26 ~~arson, or of conspiracy to defraud, or any criminal conduct in~~
27 connection with such fire, he violations of other related laws and
28 codes. The State Fire Marshal and his or her arson investigators
29 agents shall be peace officers and have and exercise all the powers
30 and authority of other peace officers, relative to the investigation
31 of arson with responsibility for the enforcement of statutes
32 relating to the State Fire Marshal. This shall include the
authority to enforce, issue citations, and make arrests for felony

1 offenses relevant to the duties of the State Fire Marshal. All
2 reports and all results of investigations ~~relating to arson or~~
3 ~~suspected arson~~ relevant to the State Fire Marshal statutes shall be
4 available and shall be freely interchanged between the Office of the
5 State Fire Marshal and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

7 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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