

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3283

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
8 2001, Section 324.4, which relates to the State Fire
9 Marshal; clarifying language; and providing an
10 effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 324.4, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 324.4 A. The State Fire Marshal Commission shall
16 appoint a full-time State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal
17 shall administer and enforce the provisions of law pertaining to the
18 Office of the State Fire Marshal to include, but not be limited to,
19 fire and arson investigations, code enforcement, and public
20 education under the supervision of the State Fire Marshal Commission
21 and in accordance with Commission policies. The State Fire Marshal
22 shall be a person of good moral character and a resident of ~~Oklahoma~~
23 the state at the time of appointment. The State Fire Marshal must
24 have a minimum of ten (10) years' experience in fire protection,

1 fire prevention, investigation, or criminal justice, which may
2 include experience with any state, county, municipal, federal,
3 military, or industrial fire protection or criminal justice agency.
4 Successful completion of a degree in fire protection and prevention,
5 criminal justice or administration from an accredited college or
6 university, may be substituted for experience on a year-to-year
7 basis. The State Fire Marshal shall possess administrative ability
8 and experience. The State Fire Marshal may be required to obtain
9 certification as a peace officer in the ~~State of Oklahoma~~ state from
10 the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, and shall be
11 subject to an extensive background investigation, psychological
12 testing, and drug testing. The Commission may also require
13 additional qualifications. The State Fire Marshal must have or be
14 able to obtain a valid Oklahoma driver license and be a citizen of
15 the United States.

16 B. The Commission shall appoint a full-time Assistant State
17 Fire Marshal upon recommendation from the State Fire Marshal. The
18 Assistant State Fire Marshal must have a minimum of seven (7) years
19 experience in fire protection, fire prevention, investigations or
20 criminal justice, which may include experience with any state,
21 county, municipal, federal, military, or industrial fire protection
22 or criminal justice agency. Successful completion of a degree in
23 fire protection and prevention, criminal justice, or administration
24 from an accredited college or university, may be substituted for

1 experience on a year-to-year basis. The Assistant State Fire
2 Marshal shall possess administrative ability and experience. The
3 Assistant State Fire Marshal may be required to obtain certification
4 as a peace officer from the Council on Law Enforcement and Education
5 Training, and shall be subject to an extensive background
6 investigation, psychological testing, and drug testing. The
7 Commission may require additional qualifications. The Assistant
8 State Fire Marshal must have or be able to obtain a valid Oklahoma
9 driver license and be a citizen of the United States.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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