

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Dowd**

A Bill

ACT 1157 OF 1993
SENATE BILL 683

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE QUALIFIED MUNICIPAL FIRE MARSHALS TO
9 CARRY WEAPONS AND TO MAKE ARRESTS FOR VIOLATIONS OF LAWS
10 RELATING TO ARSON AND OTHER UNLAWFUL BURNING; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AUTHORIZING QUALIFIED MUNICIPAL FIRE MARSHALS TO CARRY
15 WEAPONS AND MAKE ARRESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES."

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19 SECTION 1. For purposes of this act, "municipal fire marshal" means a
20 person who holds a full time office or position of fire marshal created by
21 ordinance in a city of the first class and who:

22 (a) is responsible for the detection and prevention of arson, the
23 enforcement of laws relating to arson and other burning and enforcement of the
24 city and state fire prevention codes; and

25 (b) has successfully completed a course of study for law enforcement
26 officers approved by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and
27 Training; and

28 (c) has successfully completed an eighty (80) hour fire/arson
29 investigation course offered by the National Fire Academy or the Arkansas Fire
30 Training Academy or an equivalent course; and

31 (d) has completed a one (1) week fire safety inspection class offered by
32 the National Fire Academy or the Arkansas Fire Training Academy, or an
33 equivalent class.

35 SECTION 2. A municipal fire marshal is hereby authorized and empowered
36 to carry a weapon and to make arrests for violations of the laws relating to

1 arson and other unlawful burning.

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3 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
4 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
5 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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7 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
8 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
9 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
10 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
11 act are declared to be severable.

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13 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
14 hereby repealed.

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16 APPROVED: 4/14/93

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