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HOUSE BILL 899

Short Title: Return Oversight of OSFM to DOI Commissioner. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Blust.

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 14, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE OFFICE OF STATE FIRE
MARSHAL AND RETURN AUTHORITY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Section 30.8 of S.L. 2023-134 is repealed.

SECTION 1.(b) Parts X, XI, and XII of S.L. 2023-151 are repealed.

SECTION 1.(c) Section 6.4 of S.L. 2021-1 is repealed.

SECTION 2.(a) All employees of the Office of the State Fire Marshal on October 1, 2025, shall continue as employees of the Office at their option or until further action is taken by the Commissioner in accordance with law. All positions in the Office of the State Fire Marshal on October 1, 2025, shall remain in the Office of the State Fire Marshal unless changed by the General Assembly.

SECTION 2.(b) Rules adopted by the State Fire Marshal, if any, pursuant to Chapter 58 or Chapter 143 of the General Statutes shall remain in effect until amended by the Commissioner as authorized by Chapter 150B of the General Statutes.

SECTION 2.(c) A unique fire department identification number (FDID) issued by the State Fire Marshal, if any, pursuant to G.S. 58-84-41 on or before the date this act becomes law shall continue to be used for the purposes provided for in G.S. 58-84-41(b).

SECTION 2.(d) The representative trustee appointed by the State Fire Marshal, if any, pursuant to G.S. 58-84-30 shall continue to serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner.

SECTION 2.(e) The designee appointed by the State Fire Marshal, if any, pursuant to the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund Advisory Panel under G.S. 58-86-6 shall continue to serve at the discretion of the Commissioner.

SECTION 2.(f) The current members of the board or commission that were appointed by the State Fire Marshal may continue to serve until the expiration of their terms. Upon the expiration of the term of each current member appointed by the State Fire Marshal, the Commissioner shall appoint a successor in accordance with the provisions of the respective section of the General Statutes.

SECTION 3. This act is effective October 1, 2025.

