

1 AN ACT concerning fire safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Fire Investigation Act is amended by
5 changing Section 6 and by adding Section 6.1 as follows:

6 (425 ILCS 25/6) (from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 6)

7 Sec. 6. The chief of the fire department of every
8 municipality in which a fire department is established and the
9 fire chief of every legally organized fire protection district
10 shall investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of every
11 fire occurring in such municipality or fire protection
12 district, or in any area or on any property which is furnished
13 fire protection by the fire department of such municipality or
14 fire protection district, by which property has been destroyed
15 or damaged, and shall especially make investigation as to
16 whether such fire was the result of carelessness or design.
17 Such investigation shall be begun within two days, not
18 including Sunday, of the occurrence of such fire, and the
19 Office of the State Fire Marshal shall have the right to
20 supervise and direct such investigation whenever it deems it
21 expedient or necessary. The officer making investigation of
22 fires occurring in cities, villages, towns, fire protection
23 districts or townships shall forthwith notify the Office of the

1 State Fire Marshal and shall by the 15th of the month following
2 the occurrence of the fire, furnish to the Office a statement
3 of all facts relating to the cause and origin of the fire, and
4 such other information as may be called for in a format
5 approved or on forms provided by the Office. The Office of the
6 State Fire Marshal shall keep a record of all fires occurring
7 in the State, together with all facts, statistics and
8 circumstances, including the origin of the fires, which may be
9 determined by the investigations provided by this act; such
10 record shall at all times be open to the public inspection, and
11 such portions of it as the State Director of Insurance may deem
12 necessary shall be transcribed and forwarded to him within
13 fifteen days from the first of January of each year. In
14 addition to the reporting of fires, the chief of the fire
15 department shall furnish to the Office such other information
16 as the State Fire Marshal deems of importance to the fire
17 services.

18 (Source: P.A. 82-706.)

19 (425 ILCS 25/6.1 new)

20 Sec. 6.1. Rules. The State Fire Marshal may adopt necessary
21 rules for the administration of the reporting of fires,
22 hazardous material incidents, and other incidents or events
23 that the State Fire Marshal deems of importance to the fire
24 services. The reporting of such information shall be based upon
25 the nationally recognized standards of the United States Fire

1 Administration's National fire Incident Reporting System
2 (NIFRS).