



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB2616

Introduced 2/15/2023, by Rep. David Friess

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/11-6-12 new
70 ILCS 705/16.06d new

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code and the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that a person applying for a position in a fire department or fire protection district must disclose if he or she has been convicted, arrested, or charged with arson, aggravated arson, or criminal damage to property due to recklessly, by means of fire, damaging the property of another or knowingly starting a fire on the land of another. Provides that the person or board hiring an individual who has applied to a position in a fire department or fire protection district may take into consideration the disclosed convictions, arrests, or charges in the hiring or retention of the applicant. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
5 adding Section 11-6-12 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/11-6-12 new)

7 Sec. 11-6-12. Disclosure of offenses.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a person
9 applying for a position in a fire department must disclose if
10 he or she has been convicted, arrested, or charged with arson,
11 aggravated arson, or criminal damage to property due to
12 recklessly, by means of fire, damaging the property of another
13 or knowingly starting a fire on the land of another.

14 (b) The person or board hiring an individual who has
15 applied to a position in a fire department may take into
16 consideration the item or items disclosed under subsection (a)
17 in the hiring or retention of the applicant.

18 Section 10. The Fire Protection District Act is amended by
19 adding Section 16.06d as follows:

20 (70 ILCS 705/16.06d new)

21 Sec. 16.06d. Disclosure of offenses.

1 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a person
2 applying for a position in a fire protection district must
3 disclose if he or she has been convicted, arrested, or charged
4 with arson, aggravated arson, or criminal damage to property
5 due to recklessly, by means of fire, damaging the property of
6 another or knowingly starting a fire on the land of another.

7 (b) The person or board hiring an individual who has
8 applied to a position in a fire protection district may take
9 into consideration the item or items disclosed under
10 subsection (a) in the hiring or retention of the applicant.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law.