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S.1769

Title: A bill to establish a U.S. Fire Administration and a National Fire Academy in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to assist State and local governments in reducing the incidence of death, personal injury, and property damage from fire, to increase the effectiveness and coordination of fire prevention and control agencies at all levels of government.

Sponsor: [Sen Magnuson, Warren G. \[WA\]](#) (introduced 5/9/1973) [Cosponsors](#) (23)

Related Bills: [H.R.7681](#)

Latest Major Action: 10/29/1974 Public law 93-498.

SUMMARY AS OF:

5/9/1973--Introduced. (There is 1 [other summary](#))

Fire Prevention And Control Act - Declares it to be the finding of Congress that the federal government must help to develop solutions to fire problems.

States that the intention of Congress is to supplement existing programs of fire research, training, and education, and to encourage new and improved programs and activities by State and local governments.

Title I: United States Fire Administration - Establishes, within the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the United States Fire Administration. Sets forth the duties of the Administration, including: (1) to survey the fire problem, evaluate progress in fire prevention, assess new problem areas, and to evaluate the cost; (2) to recommend actions to be taken by federal, state, and local governments and private organizations and individuals to improve fire prevention; (3) to act as a coordinator of studies of fire protection methods; (4) to cooperate with and render assistance to other federal departments, and to all organizations in matters relating to fire prevention and control; and (5) to undertake research relating to fire prevention and control.

Title II: National Fire Academy - Establishes, within the Administration, a National Fire Academy; (1) to facilitate specialized training in fire protection; (2) to assist State and local jurisdictions in planning and implementing fire protection programs; (3) to assist in the dissemination of information on fire prevention and control; and (4) to encourage fire protection agencies to give greater attention to fire prevention measures.

Directs the Academy to establish a National Fire Academy Advisory Board. Sets forth composition and compensation of Board members.

Title III: National Fire Data System - Establishes within the Administration a National Fire Data System. Directs the System to collect data on fire injuries and deaths, property losses, and information concerning causes, locations, and numbers of fires, to be incorporated into an information retrieval system.

Title IV: Research and Development - Sets forth the functions and responsibilities of the Administration, including to (1) evaluate the total area of fire research needs in the Federal, state, and local government sectors and the private sector; (2) sponsor and encourage research into promising but highly unconventional solutions to fire problems; and (3) encourage research or firefighting equipment and personal protective equipment for firefighters.

Title V: Grants for State and Local Program Assistance - Directs the Administration to make grants to States for (1) the establishment and operation of state fire prevention and control planning agencies; and (2) for programs to improve and strengthen fire prevention and control. Sets forth the requirements a State plan must encompass in order to receive grants. Directs the allocation of funds appropriated to the Administration for the purpose of making grants.

Title VI: Functions of Certain Other Federal Agencies - Expands the authorizations of the Secretary of Commerce to include specified fire research and safety programs. Directs the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to establish, within the National Institutes of Health, a program to augment current sponsorship of research on burns and burn treatment.

Requires the Federal Insurance Administration to provide low-cost insured loans to homeowners and businessmen for the purpose of installing fire protection equipment.

Title VII: Administrative Provisions - Grants the Administration specified powers in carrying out its functions including (1) the power to hold hearings; and (2) to use services of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Sets forth the procedure to be followed when an application for a grant has been rejected.

Directs the Administration to carry out the programs of this Act during fiscal year 1974, and for the five succeeding fiscal years.

Authorizes appropriations of \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 1974, \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 1975, and \$128,000,000 for fiscal year 1976, and for succeeding fiscal years such sums as the Congress might authorize.

Title VIII: General Provisions - Makes the provisions of this Act separable if one is found invalid.

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(LATEST SUMMARY)

Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act - Establishes in the Department of Commerce the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration. Provides that the Administrator of such agency shall be appointed by the President with Senate approval.

Authorizes the Administrator to take all steps necessary to educate the public and to overcome public indifference as to fire and fire prevention.

Directs the Secretary of Commerce to establish the National Academy for Fire Prevention and Control for the purpose of advancing the professional development of fire service personnel and of other persons engaged in fire prevention and control activities. Provides that the Academy shall be headed by a superintendent appointed by the Secretary. Sets forth the powers of the Superintendent.

Directs the Administrator to conduct a continuing program of development, testing, and evaluation of equipment for use by the Nation's fire, rescue, and civil defense services, with the aim of making available improved suppression, protective, auxiliary, and warning devices incorporating the latest technology.

Enumerates management studies in the area of fire prevention and control which the Administrator is authorized to conduct.

Provides that the Administrator shall operate, directly or through contracts or grants, an integrated, comprehensive National Fire Data Center for the selection, analysis, publication, and dissemination of information related to the prevention, occurrence, control, and results of fires of all types.

Requires the Administrator to establish master plan demonstration projects resulting in the planning and implementation of a comprehensive master plan for fire protection for each State for which the plan is funded. Sets forth the application procedure to be

followed by the States in applying for funds for the establishment of such projects.
Authorizes appropriations for such grants.

Provides that each fire service that engaged in the fighting of a fire on property which is under the jurisdiction of the United States may file a claim with the Administrator for the amount of direct expenses and direct losses incurred by such fire service as a result of fighting such fire.

Authorizes the Administrator to review, evaluate, and suggest improvements in State and local fire prevention codes, building codes, and any relevant Federal or private codes and regulations.

Authorizes the Administrator to encourage owners and managers of residential multiple-unit, commercial, industrial, and transportation structures to prepare Fire Safety Effectiveness Statements, pursuant to standards, forms, rules, and regulations to be developed and issued by the Administrator.

Establishes the President's Award for Outstanding Public Safety Service and the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Public Safety Service.

Sets forth reporting requirements with respect to the implementation of this Act.

Establishes within the Department of Commerce a Fire Research Center which shall have the mission of performing and supporting research on all aspects of fire with the aim of providing scientific and technical knowledge applicable to the prevention and control of fires. Sets forth areas of research to be included in the fire research program conducted by the Center.

Directs the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to establish, within the National Institutes of Health and in cooperation with the Secretary, an expanded program of research on burns, treatment of burn injuries, and rehabilitation of victims of fires.

Requires the National Institutes of Health to: (1) sponsor and encourage the establishment throughout the Nation of twenty-five additional burn centers, which shall comprise separate hospital facilities providing specialized burn treatment and including research and teaching program, and twenty-five additional burn units, which shall comprise specialized facilities in general hospitals used only for burn victims; (2) provide training and continuing support of specialists to staff the new burn centers and burn units; (3) sponsor and encourage the establishment of ninety burn programs in general hospitals which comprise staffs of burn injury specialist; (4) provide special training in emergency care for burn victims; (5) augment sponsorship of research on burns and burn treatment; (6) administer and support a systematic program of research concerning smoke inhalation injuries; and (7) sponsor and support other research and training programs in the treatment and rehabilitation of burn injury victims.

Authorizes appropriations to carry out the program for victims of fire.