

1 Marshal. ~~in accordance with the qualifications approved by the~~
2 ~~state civil service commission as provided in article six, chapter~~
3 ~~twenty-nine of this code. He can be removed by the commission at~~
4 ~~any time for neglect of duty or other conduct unbecoming his office~~
5 ~~as provided in article six, chapter twenty-nine of this code~~ The
6 State Fire Marshal serves at the will and pleasure of the
7 commission and is exempt from coverage under the classified civil
8 service system.

9 (b) The State Fire Marshal, within policy established by the
10 State Fire Commission, shall have all responsibility for the
11 implementation of fire safety programs in this state designated to
12 minimize fire hazards and disaster and loss of life and property
13 from these causes. These responsibilities include, but are not
14 limited to, the establishment and enforcement of fire safety
15 practices throughout the state, preventive inspection and
16 correction activities, coordination of fire safety programs with
17 volunteer and paid fire departments and critical analysis and
18 evaluation of West Virginia's fire loss statistics for
19 determination of problems and solutions.

20 (c) The State Fire Marshal may employ such technical,
21 clerical, stenographic and other personnel and fix their
22 compensation and may incur such expenses as may be necessary in the

1 performance of the duties of his or her office within the
2 appropriation therefor. Employees of the Fire Marshal's Office
3 shall be members of the state civil service system, and all
4 appointments of the office shall be a part of the classified
5 service under the civil service system.

6 Further, any individual who is employed to conduct criminal
7 investigations or who may become actively involved in matters of a
8 criminal nature shall first be required to pass a civil service
9 examination testing his or her competency and proficiency in the
10 law of arrest, search and seizure and other criminal procedures
11 relating to the powers granted to the State Fire Marshal pursuant
12 to the provisions of this article.

13 (d) The State Fire Marshal and other personnel of the State
14 Fire Marshal's Office shall be provided with appropriate office
15 space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery and printing in
16 the same manner as provided for other state agencies.

(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that the State
Fire Marshal serves at the will and pleasure of the state fire
commission and is exempt from coverage under the classified civil
service system.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from
the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would

be added.)