

CHAPTER 235

(Senate Bill 209)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes – Interference with State Fire Marshal

FOR the purpose of adding the State Fire Marshal ~~and deputy State Fire Marshals~~ and certain other personnel associated with the office of the State Fire Marshal to the list of certain fire and safety personnel whom a person may not willfully interfere with or obstruct while the personnel fight a fire, perform emergency service, or go to a fire or other emergency; ~~and prohibiting a person from willfully interfering with the State Fire Marshal and certain other personnel associated with the Office of the State Fire Marshal while conducting certain inspections or investigations;~~ making certain technical changes; and generally relating to interfering with the duties of the State Fire Marshal and certain personnel of the State Fire Marshal.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section ~~11D(a)~~ 11D to be under the amended subheading “Fire and Safety Personnel”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Fire [Fighters, Rescue Squad Members, and Emergency Services] AND SAFETY Personnel

11D.

(a) It is unlawful for any person willfully to interfere with or obstruct [a] THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL OR, A DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SPECIAL ASSISTANT STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SPECIAL DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL, fire fighter, rescue squad member, or emergency services personnel, while the STATE FIRE MARSHAL, DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SPECIAL ASSISTANT STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SPECIAL DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL, fire fighter, rescue squad member, or the emergency services personnel is fighting a fire, performing emergency service, or proceeding to a fire or other emergency.

(B) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON WILLFULLY TO INTERFERE WITH OR OBSTRUCT THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, A DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SPECIAL ASSISTANT STATE FIRE MARSHAL, OR SPECIAL DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL IN THE COURSE OF CONDUCTING AN INSPECTION OR INVESTIGATING A FIRE OR EXPLOSION.