

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 429

LCO No. **2464**

Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by: (PS)

AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE STATE FOREST FIRE WARDEN, GAMING AND PUBLIC SAFETY STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 23-37 of the 2020 supplement to
the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (d) If the state forest fire warden determines that additional state 5 forest fire control personnel are required to assist in extinguishing a 6 forest fire in this state, the state forest fire warden may temporarily 7 supplement state forest fire control personnel with temporary 8 emergency workers who meet the training and qualification 9 requirements of the National Incident Management System: Wildland 10 Fire Qualification System Guide published by the National Wildfire 11 Coordinating Group, as amended from time to time. The Department of 12 Administrative Services shall assist the state forest fire warden in 13 developing appropriate classifications for such temporary emergency 14 workers.

15 Sec. 2. Section 29-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the

16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

17 The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall 18 have general jurisdiction of the affairs of the Division of State Police 19 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection 20 and shall have all the powers and privileges conferred by statute upon 21 a state policeman. [He] The commissioner shall submit to the Governor 22 an annual report, as provided in section 4-60, setting forth in detail the 23 work of said division. [Said] The commissioner shall prescribe rules for 24 the government of the division and, in any investigation made by [him] 25 the commissioner relating to the personnel of the division, may 26 administer oaths and summon witnesses and compel their attendance 27 as provided by law for the attendance of witnesses at court.

28 Sec. 3. Section 29-18a of the general statutes is repealed and the 29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

30 The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection may 31 appoint one or more persons to act as special [policemen] police officers 32 in the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, for the 33 purpose of investigating public assistance fraud relating to the 34 beneficiaries of public assistance in this state. Such appointees, having 35 been sworn, shall serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner of 36 Emergency Services and Public Protection and, during such tenure, 37 shall have all the powers conferred on state [policemen] police officers. 38 [They] Such appointees shall, in addition to their duties concerning 39 public assistance cases, be subject to the call of the Commissioner of 40 Emergency Services and Public Protection for such emergency service 41 as [he] the commissioner may prescribe.

42 Sec. 4. Section 12-570b of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*43 *from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1 *from passage* 23-37(d)

Sec. 2	from passage	29-2
Sec. 3	from passage	29-18a
Sec. 4	from passage	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To make technical changes to statutes related to public safety and repeal an obsolete statute related to the lottery.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]