1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019) By: Sanders 3 HOUSE BILL 1101 4 5 6 AS INTRODUCED 7 An Act relating to the State Fire Marshal; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Section 50001, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 232, O.S.L. 2017 (68 O.S. Supp. 8 2018, Section 50001), which relates to tax on fire 9 insurance gross premiums; redirecting certain amount of monies collected to the Fire Marshal Fund and 10 General Revenue Fund; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 324.20b, as amended by Section 848, Chapter 304, 11 O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 324.20b), which relates to the State Fire Marshal Revolving 12 Fund; removing limitation of fund; and providing an effective date. 1.3 14 15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 16 SECTION 1. 68 O.S. 2011, Section 50001, as AMENDATORY last amended by Section 1, Chapter 232, O.S.L. 2017 (68 O.S. Supp. 17 18 2018, Section 50001), is amended to read as follows: 19 Section 50001. A. There is hereby levied upon percentages of 20 fire insurance gross premiums from a sum of the following lines of 21 insurance: fire, allied, homeowners multiperil, commercial 22 multiperil, growing crops, ocean marine, inland marine, auto 23 physical damage (including collision), and aircraft physical damage, 24 less returns and dividends to policyholders, which is are issued in

this state by companies doing business in this state a tax of five-sixteenths of one percent (5/16 of 1%). The percentages of fire insurance gross premiums to be considered for taxation shall be determined annually by the <u>Insurance</u> Commissioner. This tax shall be collected annually, by the last day of February, from companies collecting such premiums and shall be collected by the Insurance Commissioner as other taxes on insurance are collected. The Insurance Commissioner shall keep a separate account of all such monies received and shall pay the same to the State Treasurer.

- B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a fund for the Fire Marshal Commission and the State Fire Marshal to be designated the "Fire Marshal Fund". The fund shall consist of all monies collected pursuant to the provisions of this section and shall be used in the performance of duties imposed by law upon the Fire Marshal Commission and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

 Expenditures from the Fire Marshal Fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment. Beginning July 1, 1982, all expenditures from the Fire Marshal Fund shall be made pursuant only to legislative appropriation.
- C. All monies annually collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be apportioned as follows:

1. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the first One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000.00) shall be deposited in the State Fire Marshal Revolving Fund as defined in Section 324.20b of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; provided, that ten percent (10%) of the first One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000.00) shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund of this state;

- 2. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and for every subsequent fiscal year thereafter, the first Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be deposited in the Fire Marshal Fund; provided, that ten percent (10%) of the first Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund of this state; and
- 3. Any remaining monies not apportioned pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund of this state For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and for every subsequent fiscal year thereafter, the first Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be deposited in the Fire Marshal Fund; provided, that ten percent (10%) of the first Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund of this state.
- D. Employees of the Office of State Fire Marshal, other than
 the State Fire Marshal, shall have salaries commensurate with those

fixed by the Merit System of Personnel Administration. All salaries shall be payable monthly from funds available to the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal, subject to confirmation by the Fire Marshal Commission, shall appoint and fix the salaries of such employees as are necessary to fulfill the duties of his <u>or her</u> office.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 324.20b, as amended by Section 848, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 324.20b), is amended to read as follows:

Section 324.20b There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the State Fire Marshal to be designated the "State Fire Marshal Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of monies received from the sale of surplus property, fees and receipts collected pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act, fines, forfeitures, fees, charges, receipts, donations, gifts, bequests, contributions, devises, interagency reimbursements, federal funds unless otherwise provided by federal law or regulation, or any other source. The fund shall consist of no more than Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00). All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the State Fire Marshal for authorized purposes. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State

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Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
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