

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2757

By: May of the House

and

Haste of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.  
8 2021, Section 314, which relates to investigation of  
9 fires; modifying time period for start of  
10 investigation; and providing an effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 314, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 314. The State Fire Marshal ~~and~~ or the chief of the  
15 fire department of every city, town or ~~village~~ district in which a  
16 fire department is established, ~~and~~ or the mayor of every  
17 incorporated ~~village~~ city or town in which no fire department  
18 exists, ~~and~~ or the sheriff of the county shall investigate the  
19 cause, origin and circumstances of every fire occurring in such  
20 city, ~~village,~~ town district or county by which property has been  
21 destroyed or damaged, and shall especially make investigation as to  
22 whether the cause of such fire was ~~the result of carelessness or~~  
23 ~~design~~ accidental or intentional. Said investigation shall begin  
24 within ~~two (2) days, not including Sundays,~~ forty-eight (48) hours

1 of the occurrence of such fire, ~~and the said Fire Marshal shall have~~  
2 ~~the right to supervise and direct such investigation whenever he~~  
3 ~~deems it necessary or expedient. The officer making the~~  
4 ~~investigation of fires, shall forthwith notify said Fire Marshal and~~  
5 ~~shall within a week of the occurrence of the fire furnish to the~~  
6 ~~said Fire Marshal a written statement of all facts relating to the~~  
7 ~~cause and origin of the fire, and such other information as may be~~  
8 ~~called for by blanks provided by said Marshal. The State Fire~~  
9 ~~Marshal shall keep in his office a record of all fires occurring in~~  
10 ~~the state, together with all facts, statistics and circumstances~~  
11 ~~including the origin of the fires, which may be determined by the~~  
12 ~~investigation provided by this act; such records shall at all times~~  
13 ~~be open to the public inspection, and such portions of it as the~~  
14 ~~insurance commissioner may deem necessary shall be transcribed and~~  
15 ~~forwarded to him within fifteen (15) days from the 1st day of~~  
16 ~~January of each year. The officer making the investigation of fires~~  
17 ~~shall within a week of the occurrence of the fire complete a written~~  
18 ~~statement of all acts relating to the cause and origin of the fire~~  
19 ~~and shall within forty-eight (48) hours of the occurrence of such~~  
20 ~~fire report to the State Fire Marshal all civilian and firefighter~~  
21 ~~injuries and fatalities resulting from the occurrence of such fire.~~

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.  
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of March, 2023.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House  
5 of Representatives

6 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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