

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2757

By: May

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10 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
11 2021, Section 314, which relates to investigation of
12 fires; modifying time period for start of
13 investigation; and providing an effective date.

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

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

18 Section 314. The State Fire Marshal ~~and~~ or the chief of the
19 fire department of every city, town or ~~village~~ district in which a
20 fire department is established, ~~and~~ or the mayor of every
21 incorporated ~~village~~ city or town in which no fire department
22 exists, ~~and~~ or the sheriff of the county shall investigate the
23 cause, origin and circumstances of every fire occurring in such
24 city, ~~village,~~ town district or county by which property has been

1 destroyed or damaged, and shall especially make investigation as to
2 whether the cause of such fire was ~~the result of carelessness or~~
3 ~~design~~ accidental or intentional. Said investigation shall begin
4 within ~~two (2) days, not including Sundays,~~ forty-eight (48) hours
5 of the occurrence of such fire, ~~and the said Fire Marshal shall have~~
6 ~~the right to supervise and direct such investigation whenever he~~
7 ~~deems it necessary or expedient.~~ The officer making the
8 ~~investigation of fires, shall forthwith notify said Fire Marshal and~~
9 ~~shall within a week of the occurrence of the fire furnish to the~~
10 ~~said Fire Marshal a written statement of all facts relating to the~~
11 ~~cause and origin of the fire, and such other information as may be~~
12 ~~called for by blanks provided by said Marshal.~~ The State Fire
13 ~~Marshal shall keep in his office a record of all fires occurring in~~
14 ~~the state, together with all facts, statistics and circumstances~~
15 ~~including the origin of the fires, which may be determined by the~~
16 ~~investigation provided by this act; such records shall at all times~~
17 ~~be open to the public inspection, and such portions of it as the~~
18 ~~insurance commissioner may deem necessary shall be transcribed and~~
19 ~~forwarded to him within fifteen (15) days from the 1st day of~~
20 ~~January of each year.~~ The officer making the investigation of fires
21 shall within a week of the occurrence of the fire complete a written
22 statement of all acts relating to the cause and origin of the fire
23 and shall within forty-eight (48) hours of the occurrence of such
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1 fire report to the State Fire Marshal all civilian and firefighter
2 injuries and fatalities resulting from the occurrence of such fire.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 03/01/2023 -
6 DO PASS, As Amended.

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