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	UTAH FIRE PREVENTION BOARD
	AMENDMENT
	2007 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson
	House Sponsor: James R. Gowans
L	ONG TITLE
G	eneral Description:
	This bill modifies the Utah Fire Prevention and Safety Act regarding the administrative
dı	uties of the Utah Fire Prevention Board.
H	lighlighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	 requires the Utah Fire Prevention Board to establish training and certification
st	andards for agencies that respond to hazardous material emergencies.
M	Ionies Appropriated in this Bill:
	None
0	ther Special Clauses:
	None
U	tah Code Sections Affected:
A	MENDS:
	53-7-204, as last amended by Chapter 318, Laws of Utah 2006
B	e it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section 53-7-204 is amended to read:
	53-7-204. Duties of Utah Fire Prevention Board Local administrative duties.
	(1) The board shall:
	(a) make rules in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative

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30	(i) adopting a nationally recognized fire code and the specific edition of that fire code
31	as the state fire code to be used as the standard;
32	(ii) establishing minimum standards for the prevention of fire and for the protection of
33	life and property against fire and panic in any:
34	(A) publicly owned building, including all public and private schools, colleges, and
35	university buildings;
36	(B) building or structure used or intended for use as an asylum, a mental hospital, a
37	hospital, a sanitarium, a home for the aged, an assisted living facility, a children's home or day
38	care center, or any similar institutional type occupancy of any capacity; and
39	(C) place of assemblage where 50 or more persons may gather together in a building,
40	structure, tent, or room for the purpose of amusement, entertainment, instruction, or education;
41	(iii) establishing safety and other requirements for placement and discharge of display
42	fireworks based upon:
43	(A) the specific edition of the nationally recognized fire code selected by the board
44	under Subsection (1)(a)(i); and
45	(B) relevant publications of the National Fire Protection Association;
46	(iv) establishing minimum safety standards for retail storage, handling, and sale of
47	class C common state approved explosives;
48	(v) defining methods to establish proof of competence to place and discharge display
49	fireworks;
50	(vi) for deputizing qualified persons to act as deputy fire marshals, and to secure
51	special services in emergencies;
52	(vii) implementing Sections 53-7-106 and 53-7-205;
53	(viii) setting guidelines for use of funding; [and]
54	(ix) establishing criteria for training and safety equipment grants for fire departments
55	enrolled in firefighter certification; and
56	(x) establishing minimum ongoing training standards for hazardous materials
57	emergency response agencies;

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58	(b) recommend to the commissioner a state fire marshal;
59	(c) develop policies under which the state fire marshal and his authorized
60	representatives will perform;
61	(d) provide for the employment of field assistants and other salaried personnel as
62	required;
63	(e) prescribe the duties of the state fire marshal and his authorized representatives;
64	(f) establish a statewide fire prevention, fire education, and fire service training
65	program in cooperation with the Board of Regents;
66	(g) establish a statewide fire statistics program for the purpose of gathering fire data
67	from all political subdivisions of the state;
68	(h) establish a fire academy in accordance with Section 53-7-204.2;
69	(i) coordinate the efforts of all people engaged in fire suppression in the state;
70	(j) work aggressively with the local political subdivisions to reduce fire losses;
71	(k) regulate the sale and servicing of portable fire extinguishers and automatic fire
72	suppression systems in the interest of safeguarding lives and property;
73	(l) establish a certification program for persons who inspect and test automatic fire
74	sprinkler systems; [and]
75	(m) establish a certification program for persons who inspect and test fire alarm
76	systems: and
77	(n) establish a certification for persons who provide response services regarding
78	hazardous materials emergencies.
79	(2) The board may incorporate in its rules by reference, in whole or in part, nationally
80	recognized and readily available standards and codes pertaining to the protection of life and
81	property from fire, explosion, or panic.
82	(3) (a) The board may only make amendments to the state fire code adopted under
83	Subsection (1)(a)(i) in accordance with Section 53-7-205.
84	(b) The amendments may be applicable to the entire state or within a city, county, or

85 fire protection district.

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- 86 (4) The following functions shall be administered locally by a city, county, or fire87 protection district:
- (a) issuing permits, including open burning permits pursuant to Sections 11-7-1 and
 19-2-114;
- 90 (b) creating a local board of appeals in accordance with the state fire code; and
- 91 (c) establishing, modifying, or deleting fire flow and water supply requirements.