

## HB 303 -- Fire Protection

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This bill specifies that fire protection districts, municipal fire departments, and volunteer fire protection associations will be the sole providers of fire suppression and related activities within their legally defined boundaries, unless their governing body authorizes another entity to provide those services. If authorization is denied to another entity, that entity can appeal the denial to the circuit court with jurisdiction. This restriction on the furnishing of fire suppression and related activities does not supercede any provision in Chapters 191 or 321, RSMo, relating to the formation and operation of any fire protection district, ambulance district, or ambulance service.

The distance from any fuel dispenser that fireworks can be manufactured, stored, or sold is reduced from 100 feet to 50 feet.

The bill defines "fire department" to include fire protection districts and volunteer fire protection associations as it relates to the laws regarding the jurisdiction and duties of the State Fire Marshal. Fire departments must file a registration form by January 30, 2008; and the State Fire Marshal may issue each fire department an identification number based upon the registration. A volunteer fire protection association is required to identify and register its boundaries with its county governing body.