

HB 474 -- FIRE PROTECTION EMPLOYEES

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This bill changes the requirements for an investigator with the Office of the State Fire Marshal within the Department of Public Safety.

The bill repeals the requirements that investigators must:

- (1) Be at least 25 years old and have either a minimum of 5 years' experience in fire risk inspection, prevention, or investigation work, or a degree in fire protection engineering;
- (2) Be a taxpaying resident of Missouri for at least three years immediately preceding his or her appointment; and
- (3) Possess ordinary physical strength and pass a physical and mental examination.

This bill adds the requirement that anyone appointed as an investigator shall be a resident of Missouri at the time of appointment and allows an investigator or employee to hold another commission or office, elective or appointive, or accept any other employment while he or she is employed by the State Fire Marshal as long as the other employment, appointment, or elected position does not pose a conflict of interest while employed as an investigator or employee.

This is the same as SB 970 (2022) and similar to HCS HB 1656 and HCS HB 2054 (2022).