



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2709

Introduced 10/14/2025, by Sen. Cristina Castro

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2905/5

Amends the State Fire Marshal Act. Provides that all fire departments and units of local government that provide fire protection services in the State shall report the death of any firefighter employed by the fire department or unit of local government to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Specifies the information that shall be reported to the Office. Provides that the Office shall publish an annual report concerning the information reported and shall make the report available to the public. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Fire Marshal Act is amended by
5 changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2905/5)

7 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a
8 delayed effective date)

9 Sec. 5. Tracking firefighter mortality. Beginning no later
10 than 6 months after January 1, 2026 (the effective date of
11 Public Act 104-102) ~~this amendatory Act of the 104th General~~
12 ~~Assembly,~~ all fire departments and units of local government
13 that provide fire protection services in this State shall
14 report the death of any firefighter employed by the fire
15 department or unit of local government to the Office of the
16 State Fire Marshal. The information reported to the Office
17 shall include the cause and manner of death, including, but
18 not limited to, any deaths resulting from suicide and the
19 various types of cancer. If a firefighter separates from a
20 fire department or unit of local government with a known
21 cancer diagnosis and succumbs to that cancer within 12 months
22 after separation, the fire department or unit of local
23 government shall report the death to the Office. The ~~the~~

1 ~~Office of the State Fire Marshal~~ shall receive, track, and
2 record all reported firefighter deaths, including the cause
3 and the manner of death, as reported under this Section ~~for all~~
4 ~~firefighters in Illinois, including suicide and the various~~
5 ~~types of cancer.~~ The Office shall publish an annual report
6 concerning the information reported under this Section and
7 shall make the report available to the public no later than 90
8 days after the end of each calendar year.

9 (Source: P.A. 104-102, eff. 1-1-26.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.