

1 AN ACT in relation to fire fighters.

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

4 Section 5. The Fire Investigation Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 9f as follows:

6 (425 ILCS 25/9f new)

7 Sec. 9f. The owner or occupier of the premises and his or  
8 her agents owe fire fighters who are on the premises in the  
9 performance of their official duties conducting fire  
10 investigations or inspections or responding to fire alarms or  
11 actual fires on the premises a duty of reasonable care in the  
12 maintenance of the premises according to applicable fire  
13 safety codes, regulations, ordinances, and generally  
14 applicable safety standards, including any decisions by the  
15 Illinois courts. The owner or occupier of the premises and  
16 his or her agents are not relieved of the duty of reasonable  
17 care if the fire fighter is injured due to the lack of  
18 maintenance of the premises in the course of responding to a  
19 fire, false alarm, or his or her inspection or investigation  
20 of the premises.

21 For purposes of this Section, the term "premises" means  
22 any building or structure or the real property upon which the  
23 building or structure is situated.

24 This Section applies to all causes of action that have  
25 accrued, will accrue, or are currently pending before a court  
26 of competent jurisdiction, including courts of review.

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
28 becoming law.