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HOUSE BILL 147: Update Fire and Rescue Comm'n. Membership

2015-2016 General Assembly

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SUMMARY: House Bill 147 makes changes to update the membership of the State and Fire Rescue Commission.

BACKGROUND: The State and Fire Rescue Commission is housed within the Department of Insurance and is charged with adopting a State Fire and Education and Rescue Plan and other plans for rescue services and fire prevention control.

ANALYSIS: Section 1 of the bill amends G.S. 58-78-1 to change the membership of the Commission. Current law provides for 15 voting members of the Commission with 12 members appointed by the Commissioner of Insurance. The bill amends subsection (a) of G.S. 58-78-1 to provide that one of the Commissioner's appointees is to be selected from nominations submitted by the North Carolina Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators and deletes language providing for one appointee from nominations submitted by the North Carolina Association of County Fire Marshals.

Section 1 also removes language prohibiting public members of the Commission from being involved in firefighting or rescue services.

Section 2 amends G.S. 58-78-5(a)(14b) to clarify the Commission's powers include the authority to issue, deny, suspend, revoke, or take similar actions regarding certifications issued by the Commission of minimal professional qualifications established under this subdivision.

EFFECTIVE DATE: House Bill 147 would become effective July 1, 2015, and applies to appointments made on or after this date.

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