

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

ITEM 143 of the Budget Bill

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FOR SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT CONTINGENT FUND

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| Amount requested .....                               | \$79,510        |
| Estimated to be expended in 1967-68 fiscal year..... | 57,722          |
| Increase (37.7 percent).....                         | \$21,788        |
| <b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION .....</b>             | <b>\$79,510</b> |

Summary of Recommended Reductions

|                                                                                                          | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Budget</i> |             |
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| Apprenticeship Training and Information Centers<br>at Department of Employment Youth Opportunity Centers |               |               |             |
| Delete administrative costs.....                                                                         | \$5,350       | 728           | 52          |
| Delete support cost.....                                                                                 | 74,160        | 733           | 41          |
| Discussion of this item is included in the analysis of Item 142.                                         |               |               |             |

STATE FIRE MARSHAL

ITEMS 144 and 145 of the Budget Bill

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FOR SUPPORT OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND DRY CLEANERS FUND

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| Amount requested .....                               | \$1,018,298 |
| Estimated to be expended in 1967-68 fiscal year..... | 991,712     |
| Increase (2.7 percent) .....                         | \$26,586    |
| <b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION .....</b>             | <b>None</b> |

GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

The office of the State Fire Marshal was established by Section 13100 of the Health and Safety Code. The functions of the office as described in Section 13100.1 are to foster, promote and develop ways and means of protecting life and property against fire and panic.

To carry out his responsibilities, the State Fire Marshal:

1. Reviews construction blueprints and specifications of schools, city and county facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, homes for children and aged, mental hospitals and sanitariums, places of public assembly, state-owned facilities, dry cleaning establishments and camps for inclusion of required fire-resistant qualities of the building structure, adequacy and protection of exit systems and the installation of special fire protection or detector equipment (automatic sprinkler, etc.).
2. Makes on-site survey studies of existing buildings to determine if structures meet required standards and if fire detection and extinguishing equipment are adequate.
3. Provides fire prevention for private and state institutions.
4. Examines flame-retardant chemicals, fabrics, materials and hazardous substances and registers same if approved. Information relating to new products and materials is compiled and disseminated to local fire authorities and the public.
5. Prepares lists of approved building materials, equipment for installation in building and new methods of construction and publishes them annually.

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6. Inspects and registers all cargo tanks used for the transportation of flammable liquids, and reviews plans and specifications of cargo tank design and equipment.

7. Establishes regulations and standards relating to capacity, effectiveness, servicing, and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers; issues licenses to persons, firms, corporations or associations who engage in the business of servicing fire extinguishers; and registers employees of such firms.

8. Designates safe routes and stopping places for vehicles transporting explosives; publishes sectional maps and lists of safe stopping places annually.

9. Licenses all manufacturers, importers-exporters, wholesalers, retailers, pyrotechnic operators and public display of fireworks (local permits are also required).

## ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The amount requested for the fiscal year 1968-69 is \$1,018,298 which consists of \$905,798 from the General Fund and \$112,500 from the Dry Cleaners Fund. This is an increase of \$26,586 for the General Fund over the amount estimated to be expended for the current year. The only significant increase is in salaries and wages. The department proposes the establishment of a deputy state fire marshal III at \$10,608, an assistant state fire marshal at \$13,200 and a deputy state fire marshal II at \$8,520. The deputy state fire marshal III position is requested by the Office of Architecture and Construction for school plan check. This position will be on a contract and the budget of the State Fire Marshal will be reimbursed for this service.

Chapter 1552, Statutes of 1967, specifically directs the State Fire Marshal to adopt minimum fire safety regulations for organized camps. He is also charged with the responsibility for the enforcement of such regulations within his jurisdiction.

This legislation increases the scope of the State Fire Marshal's responsibility and 200 camps are added to the present workload which requires the addition of 1 deputy state fire marshal II. Chapter 1696, Statutes of 1967, added new occupancies, any building, room or structure where 50 or more persons may gather, used for deliberation, worship, drinking or dining, or awaiting transportation to the class of structures for which the State Fire Marshal must prepare and adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for fire prevention. Approximately 40,000 additional facilities fall within the scope of this legislation, some 4,000 of which are the direct responsibility of the State Fire Marshal. One additional assistant state fire marshal is needed for this added workload. One position of temporary help at \$4,120 is eliminated. This position has been used for the biennial registration of tank trucks and is not needed in 1968-69 fiscal year.

*We recommend approval of the item as budgeted.*