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Summary: Firefighters to serve as certified law enforcement officers

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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5/15/2013 Senate Introduced, read first time, placed on local & uncontested calendar ([Senate Journal‑page 7](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\05-15-13.docx))

5/23/2013 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\05-23-13.docx))

5/28/2013 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\05-28-13.docx))

5/28/2013 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 6](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\05-28-13.docx))

5/28/2013 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 6](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\05-28-13.docx))

5/30/2013 House Recalled from Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 73](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\05-30-13.docx))

6/4/2013 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 88](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\06-04-13.docx))

6/4/2013 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 88](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\06-04-13.docx))

6/4/2013 House Roll call Yeas‑100 Nays‑2 ([House Journal‑page 89](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\06-04-13.docx))

6/5/2013 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 106](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\06-05-13.docx))

6/6/2013 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 54](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\06-06-13.docx))

6/6/2013 Senate Roll call Ayes‑40 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 54](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\06-06-13.docx))

6/11/2013 Ratified R 88

6/17/2013 Vetoed by Governor

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(R88, S707)

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA TO APPOINT AND COMMISSION FIREFIGHTERS TO SERVE AS A CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR CERTAIN LIMITED PURPOSES WITH THE FULL POWERS OF A CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND TO REQUIRE FIREFIGHTERS TO MEET CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS TO BE COMMISSIONED AS A CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**City of Columbia, firefighter authority to act as certified law enforcement officer**

SECTION 1. The City of Columbia is granted authority to appoint and commission members of its fire department as certified law enforcement officers, for the limited purposes of the investigation of any suspected arson within the city limits and for performing the duties of fire chief. As it relates to any qualified arson investigation or fire chief duties, the individual appointed and commissioned shall have the full powers of South Carolina‑certified law enforcement officers. The individuals appointed and commissioned by the City of Columbia shall meet the minimum qualifications for South Carolina‑certified law enforcement officers as established by law.

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 11th day of June, 2013.

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*President of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Representatives*

Approved the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2013.

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