

No. 1994-116

## AN ACT

HB 1332

Amending the act of July 2, 1980 (P.L.340, No.85), entitled "An act providing for certain authorized agencies to receive from insurance companies information relating to fire losses; providing for insurance companies to notify authorized agencies of suspicious fire losses, providing for immunity for insurance companies that provide information under this act; providing for the exchange and confidentiality of information and providing penalties," further providing for the definition of "authorized agencies."

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The definition of "authorized agencies" in section 2 of the act of July 2, 1980 (P.L.340, No.85), known as the Arson Reporting Immunity Act, is amended to read:

Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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"Authorized agencies."

(1) For the purposes of this act shall include:

(i) the State Police Commissioner and other police officers charged with the investigation of fires at the place where the fire actually took place;

(ii) the fire commissioner or fire chief of all first, second, second class A and third class cities;

(iii) the Attorney General;

(iv) the prosecuting attorney responsible for prosecutions in the county where the fire occurred;

(v) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(vi) the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms;

(vii) the United States Attorney when authorized or charged with investigation or prosecution of the fire in question;

(viii) Department of Environmental Resources Bureau of Forestry;

*or*

*(ix) the fire marshal of a second class county.*

(2) Solely for the purposes of section 3(b), an appropriate authorized agency is:

(i) the State Police Commissioner or his authorized representative;

[or]

(ii) the fire commissioner or fire chief of all first, second, second class A and third class cities and the fire chief of any other municipality with a paid fire department when that municipality is not serviced by the State Police Commissioner or his authorized representative for the purpose of investigating fires[.]; *or*

(iii) *the fire marshal of a second class county.*

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 7th day of December, A.D. 1994.

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