

CHAPTER 39

AN ACT concerning membership on the Fire Protection Equipment Advisory Committee and the installation or maintenance of fire protection equipment, and amending P.L.2001, c.289.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 2 of P.L.2001, c.289 (C.52:27D-25o) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:27D-25o "Fire Protection Equipment Advisory Committee."

2. a. There is created within the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs a "Fire Protection Equipment Advisory Committee." The committee shall be comprised of the Director of the Division of Fire Safety who shall serve ex officio and eleven public members, appointed by the Governor. One of the public members shall be a chief administrator of the fire department of a municipality with a population of 100,000 or more according to the most recent federal decennial census, and one of the public members shall be a representative of a volunteer fire organization. Each of the remaining nine public members shall be selected by the Governor from a list of three nominees provided to the Governor by each of the following fire protection organizations or their successor organizations:

New Jersey Association of Fire Equipment Distributors,
National Fire Sprinkler Association,
National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors,
American Fire Sprinkler Association,
Fire Suppression Systems Association,
Automatic Fire Alarm Association,
New Jersey Electrical Contractors Association,
New Jersey Burglar and Fire Alarm Association, and
New Jersey State Fire Prevention and Protection Association.

b. The Governor shall appoint each member for a term of three years, except that of the members first appointed, four shall serve for terms of three years, four shall serve for terms of two years and three shall serve for terms of one year.

c. Any vacancy in the membership of the committee shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner provided for the original appointment. No appointed member of the committee may serve more than two successive terms in addition to any unexpired term to which he has been appointed.

d. The committee shall annually elect from among its members a chair and vice-chair. The committee shall meet at least four times a year and may hold additional meetings as necessary to discharge its duties. In addition to such meetings, the committee shall meet at the call of the chair or the commissioner.

e. Members of the committee shall be compensated and reimbursed for actual expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of their official duties and reimbursed for expenses and provided with office and meeting facilities and personnel required for the proper conduct of the committee's business.

f. The committee shall make recommendations to the commissioner regarding rules and regulations pertaining to professional training, standards, identification and record keeping procedures for certificate holders and their employees, classifications of certificates necessary to regulate the work of certificate holders, and other matters necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

2. Section 25 of P.L.2001, c.289 is amended to read as follows:

25. This act, P.L.2001, c.289, shall take effect on June 30, 2003 except that section 24 of P.L.2001, c.289 (C.52:27D-25gg), shall take effect immediately.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 1, 2002.