

April 2, 2003

S 708. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. CRIM. BACKGROUND CHECKS. TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ACCESS THE CRIMINAL INFORMATION NETWORK TO RUN CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS ON PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS. Enacts GS 114-19.12 to authorize Dep't of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to provide to any local law enforcement agency a criminal record check on any person who applies for a position with a volunteer fire department (and on all other persons eighteen years old or older who live in the applying person's household). Check may only be made by consent and refusal to give consent is considered withdrawal of application. If agency discloses confidential information, Dep't may refuse to provide further criminal record checks to that agency.

Intro. by Shubert.

Ref. to Judiciary II	GS 114
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April 23, 2003

S 708. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. CRIM. BACKGROUND CHECKS. Intro. 4/2/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Substantially rewrites original bill. Adds definition of "criminal history" to include state or federal history of conviction of crime bearing on person's fitness to hold paid or volunteer position with volunteer dep't; provides nonexclusive list of disqualifying criminal offenses. Sets out detailed procedure for obtaining criminal history check from Dep't of Justice.

May 27, 2003

S 708. FIRE DEPT. CRIM. BACKGROUND CHECKS (NEW). Intro. 4/2/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends GS 114-19.12 to authorize criminal background checks on all fire dep't applicants (was, volunteer fire dep't applicants only). Clarifies that local homeland security director, and where no director is designated, a local law enforcement agency, may obtain applicant's criminal history upon request. Makes technical changes.

June 17, 2003

SL 2003-182 (S 708). FIRE DEPARTMENT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS. AN ACT TO ALLOW CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS ON PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/2/03, 4/23/03, and 5/27/03. Enacted June 12, 2003. Effective June 12, 2003.