

Chapter 92

(House Bill 78)

AN ACT concerning

State Fire Marshal – Reporting Requirements – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that certain fire investigation reports about chimney fires be filed with the State Fire Marshal; repealing a requirement that the State Fire Marshal establish and maintain a repository of certain chimney fire reports; repealing a requirement that certain insurers report certain losses to the State Fire Marshal within a certain time period in a certain manner; and generally relating to the State Fire Marshal and fire investigation reporting.

BY repealing

Article – Public Safety

Section 6–313 and 6–314

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

[6–313.

(a) On determining that a chimney contributed to causing a fire, the State Fire Marshal or the local authority with jurisdiction over fire investigations shall file with the State Fire Marshal a report that identifies the chimney as:

- (1) a lined, masonry chimney;
- (2) an unlined, masonry chimney; or
- (3) a prefabricated, metal chimney.

(b) The State Fire Marshal shall establish and maintain a repository of reports filed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.]

[6–314.

(a) Within 10 days after the adjustment of a loss from a fire in excess of \$5,000 damage sustained by an insurer doing business in the State, the insurer shall report to the

State Fire Marshal, on a form provided by the State Fire Marshal, the information that the State Fire Marshal considers necessary.

(b) The report required under subsection (a) of this section is in addition to any information required by the Insurance Commissioner.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2016.