

# HOUSE BILL 78

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2016

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Fire Marshal – Reporting Requirements – Repeal**

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

9 BY repealing

10 Article – Public Safety

11 Section 6–313 and 6–314

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 **[6–313.**

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

21 (1) a lined, masonry chimney;

22 (2) an unlined, masonry chimney; or

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (3)     a prefabricated, metal chimney.

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

4     [6-314.

5                   (a)     Within 10 days after the adjustment of a loss from a fire in excess of \$5,000  
6 damage sustained by an insurer doing business in the State, the insurer shall report to the  
7 State Fire Marshal, on a form provided by the State Fire Marshal, the information that the  
8 State Fire Marshal considers necessary.

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

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