

**CHAPTER NO. 709**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2830**

**By Representatives Hood, Coleman, Cobb, Casada, Overbey, Todd, Kent**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3202**

**By Senator Ketron**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-113, relative to fire prevention.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-113(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "and county fire prevention" in the first sentence, and substituting instead the language and punctuation ", county and state employed fire prevention"; and is further amended by adding the following new sentence at the end of the first sentence:

Provided however, the certification required by this section shall not be required of state employed fire prevention and building inspectors until January 1, 2005.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-113(a)(2), is amended by deleting the first sentence in its entirety, and substituting instead the following first sentence:

The state fire marshal shall recognize and accept certification from the Southern Standard Building Code Congress International, International Code Council (ICC) or the National Fire Protection Association as satisfying the standards and qualifications for certification of municipal, county and state employed fire prevention and building officials.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-113(a)(2), is further amended in the last sentence by inserting the punctuation and language ", or a certification from the employing state agency," between the words "county" and "affirming"; and is further amended by adding the following language as a new sentence:

Certification pursuant to this section shall not be a prerequisite for fire safety and building inspector employment purposes but the employing governmental entity must have all newly employed applicants certified within twelve (12) months of the date of employment.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-113 (f) is amended by deleting the word "local".

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on becoming a law the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 5, 2004

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004

  
PHIL BREDESEEN, GOVERNOR