

PA 17-175—HB 7047

Planning and Development Committee

Appropriations Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FIRE APPARATUS SAFETY AND TESTING

SUMMARY: Existing law establishes state safety inspection requirements for fire apparatus (CGS § 14-11d). This act requires municipal and volunteer fire departments to maintain their pump and aerial fire apparatus components in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association standard 1911. Standard 1911 sets minimum requirements for inspecting, maintaining, testing, and retiring fire apparatus.

The act also requires such departments to maintain their fire apparatus in compliance with specified federal regulations concerning safety, maintenance, and inspections. Existing state regulations already require compliance with the same federal regulations (Conn. Agencies Regs. § 14-11d-2; see also § 14-163c-1).

Under Department of Motor Vehicles regulations, a motor vehicle is regulated as “fire apparatus” if it is used as an emergency vehicle and weighs at least 18,001 pounds or is registered as fire apparatus and bears fire apparatus license plates (Conn. Agencies Regs. § 14-11d-1).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

