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Approved June 2, 1978

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CHAPTER 1053  
FIRE FIGHTERS CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

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AN ACT relating to the standards for protective clothing and equipment used by fire fighters.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section eighty-eight point five (88.5), Code 1977, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. The commissioner shall establish standards and promulgate rules for protective helmets, boots, fire coats, trousers, gloves, work uniforms and may set standards for any other protective clothing or equipment which shall be worn or used by fire fighters within the state. In establishing these standards, the commissioner shall consider the standards of or proposed by the national fire protection association, the international association of fire fighters and any federal agency which may have such standards. The commissioner shall provide a copy of the standards, rules and any changes thereto to each fire department operating in this state. The standards established and the rules promulgated hereunder shall apply to protective clothing and equipment worn or used by every fire fighter in the state, provided that the standards and rules shall be advisory rather than mandatory for volunteer fire departments.

Sec. 2. The standards promulgated by the commissioner under the provisions of this Act shall be effective for all equipment purchased after January 1, 1979. All equipment for which standards are established under the provisions of this Act shall meet the standards promulgated under the provisions of this Act prior to January 1, 1981.

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