

**House File 724 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the duties of fire officials and reports of  
2 fires and emergency responses.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 100.2, Code 2025, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **100.2 Duties of fire officials.**

4 The chief of the fire department or the chief's designee of  
5 every city or township in which a fire department is established  
6 or the chief of the fire department or the chief's designee  
7 responding to every township fire where there is a contract  
8 for fire protection in effect shall investigate into the cause,  
9 origin, and circumstances of every fire occurring in the city  
10 or township ~~by which property has been destroyed or damaged or~~  
11 ~~which results in bodily injury to a person, and determine whether~~  
12 ~~the fire was the result of natural causes, negligence or design~~  
13 resulting in property damage, bodily injury, or destruction. The  
14 investigation shall determine whether the fire was caused by  
15 natural factors, negligence, or intentional action. The state  
16 fire marshal may assist in the investigation or may direct the  
17 investigation if the fire marshal finds it necessary.

18 Sec. 2. Section 321.11, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2025, are  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 3. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section to the  
21 contrary, the department shall not release personal information  
22 to a person, other than to an officer or employee of a law  
23 enforcement agency, an officer or employee of a fire department  
24 pursuant to section 100.2, an employee of a federal or state  
25 agency or political subdivision in the performance of the  
26 employee's official duties, a contract employee of the department  
27 of inspections, appeals, and licensing in the conduct of an  
28 investigation, or a licensed private investigation agency or  
29 a licensed security service or a licensed employee of either,  
30 if the information is requested by the presentation of a  
31 registration plate number. In addition, an officer or employee  
32 of a law enforcement agency may release the name, address,  
33 and telephone number of a motor vehicle registrant to a person  
34 requesting the information by the presentation of a registration  
35 plate number if the officer or employee of the law enforcement

1 agency believes that the release of the information is necessary  
2 in the performance of the officer's or employee's duties.

3 4. The department shall not release personal information that  
4 is in the form of a person's photograph or digital image or a  
5 digital reproduction of a person's photograph to a person other  
6 than an officer or employee of a law enforcement agency or fire  
7 department, an employee of a federal or state agency or political  
8 subdivision in the performance of the employee's official duties,  
9 a contract employee of the department of inspections, appeals,  
10 and licensing in the conduct of an investigation, or a licensed  
11 private investigation agency or a licensed security service  
12 or a licensed employee of either, regardless of whether a  
13 person has provided express written consent to disclosure of  
14 the information. The department may collect reasonable fees for  
15 copies of records or other services provided pursuant to this  
16 section or section 22.3, 321.10, or 622.46.

17 Sec. 3. Section 692.1, subsection 7, unnumbered paragraph 1,  
18 Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

19 "*Criminal or juvenile justice agency*" means ~~either~~ any of the  
20 following:

21 Sec. 4. Section 692.1, subsection 7, Code 2025, is amended by  
22 adding the following new paragraph:

23 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. The fire marshal or an officer or employee  
24 of a fire department pursuant to chapter 100.

25 Sec. 5. REPEAL. Section 100.3, Code 2025, is repealed.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill relates to the duties of fire officials and reports  
30 of fires and emergency responses.

31 The bill provides that the chief of the fire department or  
32 the chief's designee of every city or township in which a fire  
33 department is established or every township where there is a  
34 contract for fire protection in effect shall investigate into the  
35 cause, origin, and circumstances of every fire occurring in the

1 city or township resulting in property damage, bodily injury, or  
2 destruction. The investigation shall determine whether the fire  
3 was caused by natural factors, negligence, or intentional action.

4 The bill adds an officer or employee of a fire department  
5 pursuant to Code section 100.2 to the list of persons allowed  
6 access to personal information contained in records of the  
7 department of transportation if the information is requested by  
8 the presentation of a registration plate number.

9 The bill adds an employee of a fire department to the list  
10 of persons allowed access to personal information that is in  
11 the form of a person's photograph or digital image or a digital  
12 reproduction of a person's photograph.

13 The bill adds the fire marshal or an officer or employee of  
14 a fire department to the definition of a "criminal or juvenile  
15 justice agency".

16 The bill repeals Code section 100.3 (reports of fires and  
17 emergency responses).

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