

**One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB121**

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**Chairperson: Senator Amanda McGill**

**Committee: Urban Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 8, 2011**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The Volunteer Emergency Responders Recruitment and Retention Act (VERRRA) was created to encourage and assist cities and fire departments in their efforts to retain trained and qualified volunteer emergency response personnel. The State Fire Marshal's role in VERRA is to develop and maintain a record-keeping and certification list database. LB 121 removes the State Fire Marshal's duty under VERRRA, but does not eliminate the program. Under the bill, the local fire departments and municipalities will assume the State Fire Marshal's duties.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Bill Avery