CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1863**

Chapter 308, Laws of 2017

65th Legislature

2017 Regular Session

NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM--ADMINISTRATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/2017

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| Passed by the House April 18, 2017  Yeas 96 Nays 0  FRANK CHOPP  **Speaker of the House of Representatives**  Passed by the Senate April 10, 2017  Yeas 47 Nays 0  CYRUS HABIB  **President of the Senate** | CERTIFICATE  I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1863** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.  BERNARD DEAN  **Chief Clerk** |
| Approved May 16, 2017 10:46 AM | May 16, 2017 |
| JAY INSLEE  **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State**  **State of Washington** |

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session**

**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregerson, Stokesbary, Appleton, and Stambaugh)

AN ACT Relating to the national fire incident reporting system; amending RCW 43.44.060; and creating a new section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

**Sec.**  RCW 43.44.060 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 50 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The chief of each organized fire department, or the sheriff or other designated county official having jurisdiction over areas not within the jurisdiction of any fire department, shall report statistical information and data to the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, on each fire occurring within the official's jurisdiction and, within two business days, report any death resulting from fire.

(2) Reports submitted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be consistent with the national fire incident reporting system developed by the United States fire administration and rules established by the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection. Rules established by the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, must require fire departments to report data on the age of any structure involved in a fire when that information is available through property records or other methods.

(3) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, shall administer the national fire incident reporting system including, but not limited to, the following responsibilities:

(a) Purchasing equipment, including software, needed for the operation of the reporting system;

(b) Establishing procedures, standards, and guidelines pertaining to the statistical information and data reported by fire departments through the reporting system;

(c) Providing training and education to fire departments pertaining to the reporting system; and

(d) Employing staff to administer the reporting system, as needed.

(4) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, and the department of natural resources shall jointly determine the statistical information to be reported on fires on land under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources.

((~~(2)~~)) (5) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, shall analyze the information and data reported, compile a report, and distribute a copy annually by July 1st to each chief fire official in the state. Upon request, the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, shall also furnish a copy of the report to any other interested person at cost.

(6) For purposes of this section, "national fire incident reporting system" or "reporting system" means the national fire incident reporting system or the state equivalent as selected by the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  If specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by June 30, 2017, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

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Passed by the House April 18, 2017.

Passed by the Senate April 10, 2017.

Approved by the Governor May 16, 2017.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 16, 2017.