

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 9.1-201 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by*  
 3 *adding in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 a section numbered 27-23.11, relating to firefighters;*  
 4 *training; electric vehicle fires.*

5 [H 2451]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That § 9.1-201 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia**  
 9 **is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 a section numbered 27-23.11 as**  
 10 **follows:**

11 **§ 9.1-201. Powers of Executive Director.**

12 The Executive Director shall have the following powers to:

- 13 1. Supervise the administration of the Department;
- 14 2. Prepare, approve, and submit all requests for appropriations and be responsible for all expenditures
- 15 pursuant to appropriations;
- 16 3. Employ such staff as is necessary to carry out the powers and duties of this chapter, within the
- 17 limits of available appropriations;
- 18 4. Accept on behalf of the Department grants from the United States government and agencies and
- 19 instrumentalities thereof and any other sources. To these ends, the Executive Director shall have the
- 20 power to execute such agreements in accordance with any policies of the Virginia Fire Services Board;
- 21 5. Do all acts necessary or convenient to carry out the purpose of this chapter and to assist the Board
- 22 in carrying out its responsibilities and duties;
- 23 6. Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its
- 24 duties and the execution of its powers under this chapter, including, but not limited to, contracts with
- 25 the United States, other states, and agencies and governmental subdivisions of the Commonwealth;
- 26 7. Appoint a director of fire services training;
- 27 8. Receive funds as appropriated by the General Assembly collected pursuant to § 38.2-401, on an
- 28 annual basis to be used as provided in subsection C of § 38.2-401;
- 29 9. Administer the Thermal Imaging Camera Grant Funds established pursuant to § 9.1-205; ~~and~~
- 30 10. Administer the provisions of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (§ 27-94 et seq.); *and*
- 31 11. *Develop a training program on the risks of fires in electric vehicles and how to safely and*
- 32 *effectively manage such fires to be completed by all firefighters, including volunteer firefighters as*
- 33 *defined in § 27-42, as required by § 27-23.11.*

34 **§ 27-23.11. Firefighter electric vehicles fire training.**

35 *All firefighters, including volunteer firefighters as defined in § 27-42, shall complete a training*  
 36 *program developed by the Executive Director of the Department of Fire Programs pursuant to § 9.1-201*  
 37 *on the risks of fires in electric vehicles and how to safely and effectively manage such fires.*

38 **2. That the Executive Director of the Department of Fire Programs shall develop and make**  
 39 **available the training program required pursuant to the provisions of § 9.1-201 of the Code of**  
 40 **Virginia, as amended by this act, by July 1, 2024.**

41 **3. That the provisions of this act amending the Code of Virginia by adding § 27-23.11 shall**  
 42 **become effective on July 1, 2024.**

43 **4. That every person engaged in firefighting activities, including volunteer firefighters, on July 1,**  
 44 **2024, shall complete the training program required pursuant to the provisions of § 27-23.11 of the**  
 45 **Code of Virginia, as created by this act, by December 1, 2025.**