

31-158. Fire safety and prevention; sale to or purchase by fire department of clothing or equipment which does not meet standards set by national fire protection association; penalty; definition.

(a) No person shall knowingly sell or offer for sale in this state to any fire department any item of clothing or equipment intended to protect firefighters from death or injury while fighting fires unless the item of clothing or equipment meets or exceeds the minimum standards established for such item of clothing or equipment by the national fire protection association, in effect on the effective date of this act.

(b) No fire department shall purchase in this state any item of clothing or equipment intended to protect firefighters from death or injury while fighting fires unless the item of clothing or equipment meets or exceeds the minimum standards established for such item of clothing or equipment by the national fire protection association, in effect on the effective date of this act.

(c) A violation of subsection (a) is a class B misdemeanor.

(d) As used in this section, "fire department" means any city, county, township or other public or private fire department.

History: L. 1988, ch. 126, § 1; July 1.