

Governor Schwarzenegger's Veto Message, SB 828 (Padilla)

This bill would require the State Fire Marshall, in conjunction with recognized statewide fire investigation entities, to update and amend on or before January 1, 2009, standards and procedures for accelerant dogs and their handlers.

This bill is unnecessary. Cal Fire and the State Fire Marshall have existing authority to update their standards and certification requirements as they deem appropriate. Indeed, these standards were updated only five years ago.

Nonetheless, I am directing the State Fire Marshall to review the current standards and, if necessary, work with all interested stakeholders to update and amend them to reflect the last applicable fire investigation techniques.