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Bureau of Fire Services

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False Final Inspections

Pursuant to Public Act 252, House Bill 5313 Omnibus budget appropriation bill, the Bureau of Fire Services (BFS) may assess a fee when a fire marshal inspector responds to a false final inspection appointment. Specifically:

> ***Sec. 513. (1) Beginning October 1, for the purpose of defraying the costs associated with responding to false final inspection appointments and to discourage the practice of calling for final inspections when the project is incomplete or noncompliant with a plan of correction previously provided by the bureau of fire services, the bureau of fire services may undertake a pilot project to assess a fee not to exceed $200.00 for responding to confirmed false inspection appointments. Fees collected under this section shall be deposited into the restricted account referenced by section 2c(2) of the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.2c, and explicitly identified within the Michigan administrative information network.***

The purpose of this fee is to discourage the practice of customers calling for a final project inspection when the project remains incomplete and is not ready for final approval, therefore causing the inspector to return to the site for an additional final project inspection before fire safety approval can be granted. BFS has noted an increase in such requests, especially as the number of project inspections increase during the summer months.

Please be advised that the Bureau will enforce this appropriation bill which went into effect on October 1, 2014. For more information concerning false final inspections, please refer to the frequently asked questions page available on our website.