

Assembly Bill No. 1214

CHAPTER 517

An act to add Section 16032 to the Insurance Code, relating to fire insurance.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1214, Nava. Fire insurance: underwriters' corps: liability.

Existing law authorizes any domestic corporation of insurance underwriters to maintain an underwriters' corps. Under existing law, an underwriters' corps is defined as a group of persons with officers and equipment, maintained to discover and prevent fires and to save life and property from fire.

This bill would specify that any privately owned or operated resources hired by an insurer for the purpose of protecting structures endangered by fire or performing firefighting duties shall report to the incident commander or his or her designee immediately upon arriving at the site of a fire. This bill would also require those resources to obey all directions, including evacuation orders, given by the incident commander or his or her designee.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 16032 is added to the Insurance Code, to read:

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