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**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC**

**DIVISION 12. FIRES AND FIRE PROTECTION [13000 - 14959]** ( *Division 12 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.*  )

**PART 2. FIRE PROTECTION [13100 - 13263]** ( *Part 2 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.*  )

**CHAPTER 1.5. Portable Fire Extinguishers [13160 - 13190.4]** ( *Chapter 1.5 added by Stats. 1968, Ch. 802.*  )

**ARTICLE 1. General Provisions [13160 - 13162]** ( *Article 1 added by Stats. 1968, Ch. 802.*  )

**13160.** With the advice of the State Fire Advisory Board, the State Fire Marshal shall adopt, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and administer regulations and standards as he or she may deem necessary for the protection and preservation of life and property to control the servicing, including charging, and testing, of all portable fire extinguishers for controlling and extinguishing fires, and for controlling the sale and marketing of all such devices with respect to conformance with standards of their use, capacity, and effectiveness. In adopting the regulations, the State Fire Marshal shall consider the standards of the National Fire Protection Association.

(*Amended by Stats. 1983, Ch. 101, Sec. 114.*)

**13161.** It is the legislative intention in enacting this chapter that the provisions of this chapter and the regulations and standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to this chapter shall apply uniformly throughout the State of California and no county, city, city or county or district shall adopt or enforce any ordinance or rule or regulation regarding portable fire extinguishers which is inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter or the regulations and standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to this chapter.

(*Repealed and added by Stats. 1968, Ch. 802.*)

**13162.** No person shall market, distribute, or sell any portable fire extinguisher in this state unless it meets the following requirements:

- (a) It complies with regulations and standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section 13160.
- (b) It has been examined by and bears the label of Underwriters' Laboratories Inc. or another testing laboratory which is approved by the State Fire Marshal as qualified to test portable fire extinguishers. Any testing laboratory approved by the State Fire Marshal shall have facilities, personnel, and operating procedures equivalent to those of the Underwriters' Laboratories Inc.
- (c) It does not use as an extinguishing agent any carbon tetrachloride, chlorbromomethane, or methyl bromide.

The State Fire Marshal may grant reasonable exceptions to this subdivision when the extinguisher is intended for industrial use in places to which the public is not invited or admitted. The provisions of this section apply to the state and any political subdivision thereof.

(*Amended by Stats. 1979, Ch. 267.*)