29.1e Uniforms, equipment, and other articles; prohibited acts; violation; penalty; “facsimile” defined.

Sec. 1e. (1) The bureau shall provide the state fire marshal and any deputy state fire marshals with suitable uniforms, equipment, and other articles necessary to carry out this act. The state fire marshal shall prescribe the uniforms and equipment for the state fire marshal and any deputy state fire marshals.

(2) A person shall not sell, furnish, possess, wear, exhibit, display, or use a badge, patch, uniform, or facsimile of a badge, patch, or uniform of the state fire marshal or a deputy state fire marshal unless 1 or more of the following apply:

(a) The person is authorized to do so by the state fire marshal.

(b) The person is the state fire marshal or a deputy state fire marshal.

(c) The badge is a retirement badge and is in the possession of a retired state fire marshal or deputy state fire marshal.

(d) The badge, patch, or uniform is the badge, patch, or uniform of a deceased state fire marshal or deputy state fire marshal and is in the possession of his or her spouse, child, or next of kin.

(e) The person is a collector of badges, patches, uniforms, or facsimiles. A badge, patch, uniform, or facsimile possessed as part of a collection shall be in a container or display case when being transported.

(f) The person is in the theatrical profession and wears the badge, patch, uniform, or facsimile while actually engaged in following that profession.

(3) A person who violates subsection (2) is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than $500.00, or both. A charge under or a conviction or punishment for a violation of this section does not prevent a person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of law arising from the same transaction.

(4) As used in this section, “facsimile” includes both an exact replica of an existing item and a close imitation of an existing item.


Compiler’s note: For transfer of certain authority, powers, functions, and responsibilities of the state fire marshal and the fire marshal division of the department of state police to the director of the department of labor and economic growth, bureau of construction codes and fire safety, by type II transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.