

65-692. Same; inspection by municipality, fire marshal. (a) The secretary is hereby authorized and empowered to contract with the governing body of any municipality for the enforcement of this act, and the rules and regulations adopted thereunder whenever the secretary shall determine that such municipality has adequate personnel to provide proper enforcement. Any municipality entering into a contract with the secretary to enforce statutes, rules or regulations shall act as an agent of the secretary in carrying out such duties. No such municipality shall charge any facility a fee for services performed as an agent of the secretary under such contract, which is in addition to and separate from, any fee such facility is required to pay to the secretary under the provisions of this act. Such municipality shall enforce such standards within the municipality as designated by contract. Any inspection of any premises by officers, employees or agents of any such municipality, and any notice of noncompliance issued as a result of any such inspection, shall have the same force and effect as if performed by the secretary.

(b) The secretary and the state fire marshal are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a contract authorizing the state fire marshal or the fire marshal's deputies or lawful agents to enforce all or any portion of the standards promulgated pursuant to this act. Such contract shall designate specific facilities or types of facilities wherein such authority may be exercised. Any inspection of such facilities by the state fire marshal or the fire marshal's lawful agents to determine compliance with standards established pursuant to this act, and any notice of noncompliance issued as a result of any such inspection, shall have the same force and effect as if performed by the secretary. Such contract also may provide similar authority for the secretary with respect to enforcement of all or any portion of the Kansas fire prevention code in specified facilities or types of facilities. Any inspection of such establishments by the secretary to determine compliance with the Kansas fire prevention code shall have the same force and effect as if performed by the state fire marshal or the fire marshal's deputies or lawful agents.

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