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## DIGEST

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HB 562 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes fire departments, fire protection districts, and certain nonprofit corporations to seek reimbursement for providing certain emergency services.

Proposed law authorizes fire departments, fire protection districts, and nonprofit corporations under contract with a fire protection district to provide emergency services to seek reimbursement for the reasonable cost of automobile extraction services provided to individuals involved in motor vehicle accidents. Provides that costs for automobile extraction services may be recovered from the owner of the vehicle requiring extraction services or the party whose negligence was a cause in fact of the accident which caused the need for vehicle extraction services.

Proposed law requires fire departments, fire protection districts, or nonprofit corporations who are seeking reimbursement to submit an itemized invoice with corresponding receipts and an explanation of each service for which payment is requested. Provides that costs consistent with the values published in schedules by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the use of extraction equipment and associated services shall be presumed to be reasonable. Prohibits the reimbursement of costs for equipment, supplies, or services which are a part of the normal operating budget or that supplement the existing budget beyond actual allowable costs. Authorizes the fire departments, fire protection districts, and nonprofit corporations to use any reasonable means to collect and enforce the collection of such costs.

(Adds R.S. 33:1980.1)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Authorize nonprofit corporations under contract with a fire protection district to provide emergency services to seek reimbursement pursuant to proposed law.
2. Require nonprofit corporations to submit an itemized invoice with corresponding receipts and an explanation of each service for which payment is requested.
3. Authorize nonprofit corporations to use any reasonable means to collect and enforce the collection of costs.
4. Authorize fire departments, fire protection districts, or nonprofit corporations to seek

reimbursement from the automobile insurance company of the individual at fault for a motor vehicle accident for medical costs incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident.

5. Remove provisions that authorize fire departments or fire protection districts to seek reimbursement from an emergency service provider for emergency services provided at the request of the emergency service provider.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove proposed law provisions that authorize fire departments and nonprofit corporations to seek reimbursement for the costs of medical services provided to an individual.
2. Remove proposed law provisions that authorize fire departments and nonprofit corporations to seek reimbursement from automobile insurance companies.
3. Authorize fire departments and nonprofit corporations to seek reimbursement for automobile extraction services from the owner of the vehicle requiring extraction services or the party whose negligence was a cause in fact of the accident.
4. Provide for the calculation of reimbursement costs based on certain values published in schedules by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
5. Limit reimbursement to the *reasonable* costs for services provided.
6. Prohibit the reimbursement of costs for equipment, supplies, or services which are a part of the normal operating budget or that supplement the existing budget beyond actual allowable costs.