

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 562

BY REPRESENTATIVES FONTENOT, BRYANT, CARRIER, FIRMENT, GLORIOSO,
JORDAN, TAYLOR, AND THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart A-1 of Part II of Chapter 4 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes
3 of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:1980.1, relative to fire departments, fire
4 protection districts, and certain nonprofit corporations; to provide relative to
5 emergency services provided by such departments, districts, and nonprofit
6 corporations; to provide for reimbursement of certain costs; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Subpart A-1 of Part II of Chapter 4 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised
10 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:1980.1, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 SUBPART A-1. FIRE DEPARTMENTS; CERTAIN NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS;
12 SERVICES; COSTS

13 §1980.1. Fire departments; certain nonprofit corporations; costs for certain
14 emergency services

15 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any parish or
16 municipal fire department, or any fire protection district, volunteer fire department,
17 or nonprofit corporation under contract with a fire protection district to provide
18 emergency services may seek reimbursement for the reasonable cost of automobile
19 extraction services provided to individuals involved in motor vehicle accidents.
20 Costs for automobile extraction services may be recovered from the owner of the
21 vehicle requiring extraction services or the party whose negligence was a cause in
22 fact of the accident which caused the need for vehicle extraction services.

1 B. Any fire department, fire protection district, or nonprofit corporation
 2 seeking reimbursement for costs pursuant to this Section for automobile extraction
 3 services shall submit an itemized invoice with corresponding receipts and an
 4 explanation of each service for which payment is requested. Costs consistent with
 5 the values published in schedules by the Federal Emergency Management Agency
 6 for the use of extraction equipment and associated services shall be presumed to be
 7 reasonable; provided however, costs for equipment, supplies, or other items or
 8 services which are part of the normal operating budget of the department or that
 9 supplement the department's existing budget beyond actual allowable costs for
 10 actions taken as provided in this Section shall not be allowed.

11 C.(1) The governing board of any fire department, fire protection district, or
 12 nonprofit corporation seeking reimbursement for its costs pursuant to this Section for
 13 automobile extraction services may use any reasonable means to collect and enforce
 14 the collection of such costs.

15 (2) In any lawsuit to enforce the collection of such costs, the governing
 16 board of the fire department, fire protection district, or nonprofit corporation may
 17 recover court costs and reasonable attorney fees.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____