
DIGEST

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Abstract: Levies an insurance surcharge and dedicates the revenue to the Emergency Management Assistance Trust Fund to be used for a dedicated, full-time office of homeland security and emergency preparedness director in every parish.

Proposed law levies an annual \$3 surcharge per policy on every homeowner's, mobile home owner's, tenant homeowner's, and condominium unit owner's policy, and an annual \$5 surcharge on every commercial fire, commercial multiple peril, and business owner's property insurance policy, issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2017.

Proposed law requires the insurer to collect the surcharge and electronically remit it to the Dept. of Revenue. The Dept. of Revenue is further authorized to collect, administer, audit, and enforce the surcharge.

Proposed law establishes the Emergency Management Assistance Trust Fund and requires deposit into the fund the revenues received by the state from the surcharge on insurance provided for in proposed law. Further provides, that if adequate monies are available in the fund, as determined by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), every parish shall receive funds at least sufficient to fund a dedicated, full-time office of homeland security and emergency preparedness director position.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Revenue and GOHSEP to enter into an agreement to provide the manner of collection, the fees to be collected, and the costs of collection, if any, to be paid by GOHSEP, and such other terms and conditions necessary to effectuate the agreement.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue, in consultation with GOHSEP, to promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the APA regarding the surcharge.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 29:726.4 and 47:1515.4)