

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 92 (HB 419)

2018 Regular Session

Edmonds

Existing law authorizes the state fire marshal to provide inspections and testing of all life safety systems and equipment in the state of La.

In addition to inspections and testing, new law authorizes the fire marshal to certify life safety systems and equipment. Provides that authorized actions of the fire marshal may be performed upon his receipt of a complaint. Authorizes the fire marshal's designee to perform inspections, testing, and certification.

Existing law requires the owner of any building containing a life safety system and equipment to have an annual inspection of such system and equipment to ensure compliance with applicable safety standards and related matters.

New law authorizes the fire marshal to provide certification of life safety systems and equipment within an owner's building. Authorizes the owner's designated representative to provide for an annual inspection or certification.

If an inspecting officer finds that the owner has failed to comply with the provisions of existing law and new law, new law requires the officer to order the owner's compliance.

If an inspecting officer finds life safety systems and equipment to be inoperable or not in compliance with applicable safety standards, new law requires the inspecting officer to order the owner to have the life safety systems and equipment inspected and brought into compliance with applicable safety standards.

New law provides that persons who fail to comply with an order issued by the fire marshal may be given a warning and ordered to comply with the initial order. Provides that persons who fail to comply with a second order issued by the fire marshal may be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

New law authorizes the fire marshal to allow fire prevention bureaus to enforce the provisions of existing law and new law.

Nothing in existing law and new law should be construed to prevent the fire marshal from enforcing the provisions of existing law (R.S. 40:1621).

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 40:1646(A) and (B); Adds R.S. 40:1646(E))