

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 864

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:4741.1, relative to the establishment of fire limits; to authorize a  
3 municipality to prevent fires by establishing fire limits and prohibiting the storage,  
4 placement, accumulation, abandonment, or use of flammable materials beneath  
5 certain structures; to provide that any parish or municipality may authorize the use  
6 of flammable, explosive, or combustible materials for certain events; to provide for  
7 definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for  
8 related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:4741.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §4741.1. Fire limits authorized; storage of flammable, explosive, and combustible  
12 materials under structures

13 A. For the purposes of this Section, the following words shall have the  
14 following meanings:

15 (1) "Combustible" means a material capable of producing a usually rapid  
16 chemical process that creates heat and usually light.

17 (2) "Explosive" means any chemical compound mixture, or device, the  
18 primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion.

19 (3) "Flammable" means a material capable of being easily ignited and  
20 burning quickly, including but not limited to candles, bonfires or open flames, or any  
21 other flame-producing devices.

22 B. Any municipality in the state may provide for the prevention of fires by  
23 establishing fire limits and prohibiting the storage, placement, accumulation,  
24 abandonment, or use of flammable, explosive, or combustible material above ground  
25 within the right-of-way of a public bridge, overpass, viaduct, or tunnel.

1           C. Any parish or municipality in the state may authorize the use of  
 2           flammable, explosive, or combustible materials for events permitted by the parish  
 3           or municipality, provided that such permits or agreements are subject to all state and  
 4           federal laws and regulations.

5           D. Any person who willfully and knowingly violates this Section or any rule,  
 6           regulation, or order issued under this Section may be subject to a fine of not more  
 7           than one thousand dollars for each violation.

8           E. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to apply to infrastructure owned  
 9           or operated by member-owned electric cooperatives or investor-owned utilities that  
 10          are regulated by the Public Service Commission or the governing authority of the  
 11          city of New Orleans.

12          F. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit temporary, attended activity  
 13          involving approved equipment or materials when such activity is authorized under  
 14          otherwise applicable law and complies with all applicable state, federal, parish,  
 15          municipal, fire, health, traffic, public-safety, and right-of-way requirements.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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