

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 464

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

MINERALS: Provides for pipeline safety inspection fees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:560(B) and (C) and 706 and to enact R.S. 30:560(D), relative
3 to pipelines; to provide relative to pipeline safety inspection fees for certain
4 pipelines; to provide relative to the amounts and imposition of such fees; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:560(B) and (C) and 706 are hereby amended and reenacted and
8 R.S. 30:560(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §560. Pipeline safety inspection fees

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11 B. There is hereby imposed upon all distributors of jurisdictional gas which
12 own and operate any jurisdictional gas distribution system which comes under the
13 supervision of the assistant secretary pursuant to R.S. 30:551(B) an annual safety and
14 odorization inspection fee not to exceed ~~twenty-two dollars and forty cents per mile~~
15 ~~of pipeline used in a jurisdictional gas distribution system~~ one dollar per service line,
16 or four hundred dollars per pipeline facility, whichever is greater. The commissioner
17 shall annually review the fee amount and may revise it in accordance with the
18 Administrative Procedure Act.

19 C. There is hereby imposed upon all distributors of jurisdictional gas which
20 own or operate any jurisdictional gas gathering or transmission system which comes
21 under the supervision of the assistant secretary pursuant to R.S. 30:551(B) an annual
22 safety inspection fee not to exceed forty-four dollars and eighty cents per mile of

Proposed law changes the fee from \$22.40 per mile to \$1 per service line. Proposed law retains the present law alternative fee of \$400 per pipeline facility, whichever is greater.

Proposed law provides an annual safety inspection fee not to exceed \$44.80 per mile of pipeline used in a jurisdictional gas pipeline system, or \$800 per pipeline facility, whichever is greater, imposed on all distributors of jurisdictional gas which own or operate any jurisdictional gas gathering or transmission system. Specifies that the fee is subject to annual review by the commissioner of conservation.

Present law establishes an annual inspection fee on hazardous liquid pipelines to fund safety regulations of such pipelines. Specifies that the maximum fee is \$22.40 per mile of pipeline or \$400 per pipeline facility, whichever is greater. Provides that the fee is subject to annual review by the commissioner of conservation. Requires the commissioner to annually review the fee amount and authorizes the commissioner to revise it up to \$22.40.

Proposed law increases the fee from not to exceed \$22.40 per mile or \$400 per pipeline facility, whichever is greater to not to exceed \$44.80 per mile or \$800 per pipeline facility, whichever is greater. Increases the commissioner's authorization to revise the fee from not to exceed \$22.40 to not to exceed \$44.80.

(Amends R.S. 30:560(B) and (C) and 706; Adds R.S. 30:560(D))