

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 419

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1646(A) and (B) and to enact R.S. 40:1646(E), relative to life safety systems and equipment; to authorize certifications relative to such systems and equipment; to provide for designated representatives; to provide for compliance; to provide penalties for violations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1646(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1646(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1646. State fire marshal; owners; life safety systems and equipment inspections; penalties

A. The fire marshal or his designated representative is authorized to cause the inspection, certification, and testing of all life safety systems and equipment in the state, whether in public or private buildings, upon receipt of a complaint, during installation, or ~~immediately~~ after installation to determine compliance with applicable standards.

B. The owner of any building containing a life safety system and equipment, or the owner's designated representative, shall cause at a minimum an annual inspection or certification to be made of the life safety system and equipment in that building to assure compliance with applicable safety standards and to determine whether structural changes in the building or in the contents of the building mandate alteration of a system.

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E.(1) Whenever the inspecting officer finds that the owner has failed to comply with the provisions of this Section, he shall order the owner to comply with the requirements of this Section.

(2) Whenever the inspecting officer finds life safety systems and equipment to be inoperable or not in compliance with applicable safety standards, the inspecting officer shall order the owner to have the life safety systems and equipment inspected and brought into compliance with applicable safety standards.

(3)(a) Whoever fails to comply with an order issued by the fire marshal may be issued a first warning and ordered to comply with the initial order.

(b) Whoever fails to comply with a second order issued by the fire marshal may be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(4) The fire marshal may authorize a fire prevention bureau to enforce the provisions of this Section. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent the fire marshal from enforcing the provisions of R.S. 40:1621.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____