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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the issuance of a fire department identification number and for the submission of fire reports for fire-related activities.

Present law provides that the fire marshal shall pay a fee of \$5 plus mileage for each structural fire report submitted by a volunteer fire department and defined volunteer fire department. Proposed law deletes present law.

Proposed law requires that an organization obtain a fire department identification (FDID) number in order to engage in traditional fire department activities. Proposed law further provides that if an organization fails to obtain an FDID number, it has violated present law (R.S. 14:112.2), which prohibits the fraudulent portrayal of a law enforcement officer or firefighter.

Present law requires that structural fire reports be submitted to the fire marshal as he prescribes on forms he creates. Proposed law changes present law to require that structural fire reports be submitted electronically by organizations which obtain an FDID number.

Present law defined terms "volunteer member" and "volunteer fire department". Proposed law deletes those terms and defines "traditional fire department activities".

Present law charges the Fire Marshal's Review board to review investigation and inspection reports that the fire marshal prescribes. Proposed law retains present law substantively but changes the reference from "Fire Marshal's Review board" to "board of review" to reflect the language in the authorizing statute in present law (R.S. 40:1578.1).

(Amends R.S. 40:1567)