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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Defines "short-term rental dwelling unit" for purposes of registering with the office of state fire marshal and prohibits the owner of a short-term rental dwelling unit from completing a booking transaction unless the unit is registered.

Proposed law defines the following terms for the purposes of proposed law: booking transaction, dwelling unit, guest, owner, platform, and short-term rental dwelling unit.

Proposed law prohibits an owner of a short-term rental dwelling unit from using a platform to complete a booking transaction unless the owner has registered the unit with the office of state fire marshal.

Proposed law requires the initial registration to be submitted electronically on forms created by the office of state fire marshal. Further, proposed law requires the owner to renew the registration either annually or every 5 years.

Present law authorizes the office of state fire marshal to establish and collect certain fees.

Proposed law requires the owner to pay the following fees for the initial registration and subsequent renewal:

- (1) Initial annual registration: \$5
- (2) Annual renewal: \$5
- (3) Initial 5-year registration: \$20
- (4) 5-year renewal: \$20

Proposed law establishes the following penalties for an owner in violation of proposed law:

- (1) 1st violation: warning letter
- (2) 2nd violation: civil penalty not to exceed \$500
- (3) 3rd and each subsequent violation: civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000

Proposed law authorizes the office of state fire marshal to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement proposed law, including regulations regarding enforcement of all fees and penalties, investigations, and hearings.

Present law provides for rules compliance with certain building and safety codes. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides for the deposit of all monies received by the office of state fire marshal pursuant to proposed law into the Louisiana Life Safety and Property Protection Trust Fund as provided for in present law.

(Adds R.S. 40:1584)