

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1057

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

FUELS: Provides for an emergency fuel reserve

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 29:725.7, relative to a strategic fuel reserve; to provide for a strategic reserve
3 of fuel for the state; to designate a port for the fuel reserve; to provide for the
4 construction of fuel storage; to provide for fuel set-asides; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 29:725.7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §725.7. Louisiana Strategic Fuel Reserve

9 A. This Section shall be cited as the "Louisiana Strategic Fuel Reserve Act".

10 B. The Legislature of Louisiana hereby finds that sufficient fuel supply
11 leading up to and following natural disasters is essential for the health, safety, and
12 well-being of the citizens of the state. The Louisiana Strategic Fuel Reserve is
13 hereby established in order to ensure that adequate fuel supplies are available for
14 emergency management and for the public during hurricane season.

15 C. Subject to appropriation by the legislature, the division of administration
16 shall enter into such contracts as are necessary to construct an additional four million
17 gallons of storage capacity at the Central Louisiana Regional Port. During hurricane
18 season, any lessee of the facility shall keep this additional four million gallon
19 capacity full. After an emergency declaration by the governor, the Governor's Office
20 of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness will be given priority in

1 purchasing one million gallons of the extra capacity. The remaining three million
2 gallons of extra capacity may be sold at the discretion of the lessee.

3 D. The commissioner of administration shall promulgate rules and
4 regulations establishing the fuel set-aside provided in this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes the Louisiana Strategic Fuel Reserve.

Proposed law provides that the name of the Act is the "La. Strategic Fuel Reserve Act".

Proposed law expresses the findings of the Legislature of La. regarding the importance of an adequate fuel supply during hurricane season.

Proposed law requires the state to build additional storage capacity for fuel at the Central Louisiana Regional Port, where the tanks shall be kept full during hurricane season.

Proposed law requires that the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness be given priority for purchasing one million gallons of reserve following a disaster declaration by the governor during hurricane season.

Proposed law requires the commissioner of administration to promulgate rules to implement the program.

(Adds R.S. 29:725.7)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Change Port of Alexandria to Central Louisiana Regional Port.