SLS 23RS-265 REENGROSSED

2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 62

BY SENATOR FESI

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Provides for the notification of certain hazardous material releases. (8/1/23)

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To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2373(B)(1), relative to the "Right-to-Know" law; to provide for natural gas pipelines; to provide for reporting requirements; and to provide for

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5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

related matters.

Section 1. R.S. 30:2373(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2373. Failure to report; penalties

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B.(1) Owners and operators shall immediately notify the department of any reportable releases, other than a federally or state permitted release or application of a pesticide or fertilizer, of a hazardous material or substance listed pursuant to this Chapter exceeding the reportable quantity when that reportable quantity could be reasonably expected to escape the site of the facility, as soon as the owner or operator has knowledge of such release. Failure to do so shall subject owners and operators to civil penalties as provided in Subsection C of this Section. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, natural gas from distribution

lines shall have a reportable release of one forty-two thousand pounds or more.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob K. Wilson.

## **DIGEST**

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<u>Present law</u> establishes the "Right-to-Know" law to inform the public of the risks and effects of certain hazardous materials and provides for certain reporting requirements and definitions.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the reporting of certain information and for penalties related to a release of natural gas from distribution lines, the threshold for which is a reportable quantity of one thousand pounds or more of natural gas.

<u>Proposed law</u> maintains <u>present law</u> and changes the reportable quantity for releases of natural gas from distribution lines <u>from</u> 1,000 pounds or more <u>to</u> 42,000 pounds or more.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 30:2373(B)(1))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

## Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Environmental Quality to the original bill

1. Provides for a reportable release quantity of 42,000 pounds for natural gas pipelines.

## Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

- 1. Removes natural gas pipeline exceptions to definitions of "facility" and "owner or operator."
- 2. Removes natural gas pipeline exception to alternative reporting procedures.