

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Original Senate Bill No. 489  
by Senator Cathey

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 3, delete lines 8 through 21, and insert the following:

3 "C.(1) The fire marshal shall not conduct or supervise inspections  
4 pursuant to the provisions of Paragraphs (B)(1); **and** (2); ~~(3); and (4)~~ of this  
5 Section within the jurisdiction of any local governing authority in which a  
6 fire prevention bureau has been properly established by special ordinance and  
7 accompanying resolution as provided in this Section, except as provided in  
8 Paragraph (5) of this Subsection

9 (2) The local governing authority may properly establish a fire  
10 prevention bureau by special ordinance and accompanying resolution as  
11 provided in this Section and a fire prevention bureau thus established may  
12 apply for certification by the fire marshal to perform inspections ~~on behalf~~  
13 ~~of the fire marshal~~ solely through adoption of the special ordinance which  
14 conforms to the following requirements which are applicable to existing fire  
15 prevention bureaus: **A fire prevention bureau established pursuant to**  
16 **Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall:**

17 (a) The fire prevention bureau must be headed by a chief of a fire  
18 department or a person designated by the chief of a fire department.

19 (b) The fire prevention bureau shall be staffed with qualified  
20 individuals whose credentials have been reviewed by the fire marshal and  
21 who have successfully completed, according to criteria established by the fire  
22 marshal, special training in fire inspection and fire codes in a course  
23 approved by the fire marshal at the office of state fire marshal Fire and  
24 Emergency Training Academy or a course deemed equivalent or superseding  
25 by the fire marshal.

26 AMENDMENT NO. 2

27 On page 4, delete line 3, and delete lines 5 and 6, and insert the following:

28 "~~(c) Requiring adoption as a minimum standard those codes as~~  
29 ~~adopted and enforced by the state fire marshal. **Enforce the fire protection**~~  
30 ~~**provisions of the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code as adopted by**~~  
31 ~~**the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code Council.**"~~

32 AMENDMENT NO. 3

33 On page 4, delete line 9, and delete line 10, and insert the following:

34 "~~(e)~~**(d)** Requiring adoption as a minimum standard those codes as  
35 adopted and enforced by the state fire marshal."

36 AMENDMENT NO. 4

37 On page 4, delete lines 28 and 29, and delete on page 5, lines 1 through 5, and insert the  
38 following:

39 ~~(5)~~**(4)** The fire marshal shall not conduct or supervise inspections in  
40 all remaining matters where a fire prevention bureau is properly certified  
41 **exists** unless specifically requested by the fire prevention bureau or the local  
42 governing body of that jurisdiction or upon complaint of any citizen. The fire  
43 marshal may, at his discretion, report any complaint received from a citizen

1 to the appropriate fire prevention bureau and the fire marshal may conduct  
2 a joint inspection with the fire prevention bureau.

3 **(5) The state fire marshal, at his discretion, may audit a fire**  
4 **prevention bureau's administration of RS 40:1730.28 (9).The audit shall**  
5 **review the fire prevention bureau's performance of building inspections**  
6 **and plan review of structures other than one- and two-family dwellings.**  
7 **When the audit includes the reinspection of a building, the inspection**  
8 **shall not deconstruct any building element of the structure.**

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10 AMENDMENT NO. 5

11 On page 13, at the end of line 3, delete "and 1731" and insert "1733," 1734, 1735, 1736,  
12 1737, 1738, 1740, 1741, 1742, 1742.1, 1742.2, 1743, and 1744"