

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 562

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

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

FIRE PROTECT/FIRE DEPTS: Provides relative to costs for certain emergency services provided by fire departments, fire protection districts, and certain nonprofit corporations

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart A-1 of Part II of Chapter 4 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes
3 of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:1980.1, relative to fire departments, fire
4 protection districts, and certain nonprofit corporations; to provide relative to
5 emergency services provided by such departments, districts, and nonprofit
6 corporations; to provide for reimbursement of certain costs; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Subpart A-1 of Part II of Chapter 4 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised
10 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:1980.1, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 SUBPART A-1. FIRE DEPARTMENTS; CERTAIN NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS;

12 SERVICES; COSTS

13 §1980.1. Fire departments; certain nonprofit corporations; costs for certain
14 emergency services

15 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any parish or
16 municipal fire department, or any fire protection district, volunteer fire department,
17 or nonprofit corporation under contract with a fire protection district to provide
18 emergency services may seek reimbursement for the cost of medical services
19 provided to an individual. Any such fire department, fire protection district, or

1 nonprofit corporation may also seek reimbursement for the cost of automobile
2 extraction services provided to an individual involved in a motor vehicle accident.
3 Costs for medical services provided to an individual may be recovered from the
4 individual or the individual's personal health insurance. If the costs for medical
5 services are incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident, the costs may be
6 recovered from the automobile insurance company of the individual at fault for the
7 motor vehicle accident. Costs for automobile extraction services may also be
8 recovered from the automobile insurance company of the individual at fault for the
9 motor vehicle accident.

10 B. Any fire department, fire protection district, or nonprofit corporation
11 seeking reimbursement for costs pursuant to this Section for medical services or
12 automobile extraction services shall submit to the respective individual or insurance
13 company an itemized invoice with corresponding receipts and an explanation of each
14 service for which payment is requested.

15 C.(1) The governing board of any fire department, fire protection district, or
16 nonprofit corporation seeking reimbursement for its costs pursuant to this Section for
17 medical services or automobile extraction services may use any reasonable means
18 to collect and enforce the collection of such costs.

19 (2) In any lawsuit to enforce the collection of such costs, the governing
20 board of the fire department, fire protection district, or nonprofit corporation may
21 recover court costs and reasonable attorney fees.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes fire departments, fire protection districts, and certain nonprofit corporations to seek reimbursement for providing certain emergency services.

Proposed law authorizes fire departments, fire protection districts, and nonprofit corporations under contract with a fire protection district to provide emergency services to seek reimbursement for the cost of medical services provided to an individual and for automobile extraction services provided to an individual involved in a motor vehicle

accident. Provides that costs for medical services may be recovered from the individual or the individual's personal health insurance. Provides that if the costs for medical services are incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident, the costs may be recovered from the automobile insurance company of the individual at fault for the motor vehicle accident. Additionally provides that the costs for automobile extraction services may be recovered from the automobile insurance company of the individual at fault for the motor vehicle accident.

Proposed law requires fire departments, fire protection districts, or nonprofit corporations who are seeking reimbursement to submit an itemized invoice with corresponding receipts and an explanation of each service for which payment is requested. Authorizes the fire departments, fire protection districts, and nonprofit corporations to use any reasonable means to collect and enforce the collection of such costs.

(Adds R.S. 33:1980.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Authorize nonprofit corporations under contract with a fire protection district to provide emergency services to seek reimbursement pursuant to proposed law.
2. Require nonprofit corporations to submit an itemized invoice with corresponding receipts and an explanation of each service for which payment is requested.
3. Authorize nonprofit corporations to use any reasonable means to collect and enforce the collection of costs.
4. Authorize fire departments, fire protection districts, or nonprofit corporations to seek reimbursement from the automobile insurance company of the individual at fault for a motor vehicle accident for medical costs incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident.
5. Remove provisions that authorize fire departments or fire protection districts to seek reimbursement from an emergency service provider for emergency services provided at the request of the emergency service provider.