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HOUSE BILL NO. 657

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MUNICIPALITIES/NO: Requires New Orleans Dept. of Safety and Permits to make permits and other information available on the Internet

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:4778, relative to the New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits; to  
3 require that the department make certain information available to the public on the  
4 Internet; to provide requirements for making such information available, including  
5 deadlines; to provide relative to appeal delays for certain decisions; and to provide  
6 for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
9 Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 33:4778 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §4778. New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits; availability of information

13 A. The New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits, including the Board  
14 of Building Standards and Appeals and any other board within the department, shall  
15 make available to the public on the Internet all information pertaining to the  
16 regulatory activities of the department, including but not limited to information about  
17 all applications received; inspections made; tests and examinations given or to be  
18 given; zoning verifications; licenses, permits, certifications, or other credentials and  
19 renewals thereof issued, denied or refused, revoked, suspended, or cancelled; notices  
20 issued; enforcement actions taken or to be taken; determinations made or to be

1        made; and demolitions proposed or considered, authorized, denied or refused, and  
2        action taken.

3                B. With respect to any document that is required to be posted on the Internet  
4        by Subsection A of this Section, the following shall also apply:

5                (1) Such posting shall be made within three business days after the decision.

6                (2) The posting shall include the date and time that the document was  
7        initially posted.

8                (3) If such posting is not timely made, no appeal delay shall commence on  
9        any decision until such posting is made.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires N.O. Dept. of Safety and Permits to make certain information available on the Internet and bases certain appeal delays upon the posting on the Internet.

Proposed law requires the New Orleans Dept. of Safety and Permits, including the Board of Building Standards and Appeals and any other board within the department, to make available to the public on the Internet all information pertaining to the regulatory activities of the department, including but not limited to information about all applications received; inspections made; tests and examinations given or to be given; zoning verifications; licenses, permits, certifications, or other credentials and renewals thereof issued, denied or refused, revoked, suspended, or cancelled; notices issued; enforcement actions taken or to be taken; determinations made or to be made; and demolitions proposed or considered, authorized, denied or refused, and action taken.

Proposed law provides that with respect to any document that is required to be posted on the Internet pursuant to proposed law, the following shall also apply:

- (1) Such posting shall be made within three business days after the decision.
- (2) The posting shall include the date and time that the document was initially posted.
- (3) If such posting is not timely made, no appeal delay shall commence on any decision until such posting is made.

(Adds R.S. 33:4778)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

##### House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Technical amendments only.