
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal to conduct inspections and plan reviews and to establish minimum standards relative to fuel tanks, fuel tank installations, and fuel dispensing facilities.

Proposed law enacts the Fuel Tank Safety Act.

Proposed law enumerates definitions for the purposes of proposed law in order to provide for clarification.

Proposed law authorizes the state fire marshal to supervise the inspection of fuel tanks, fuel tank installations, and fuel dispensing facilities pursuant to the provisions of proposed law. Proposed law authorizes the state fire marshal to promulgate rules and regulations relative to the design and maintenance of fuel tanks, fuel tank installations, and fuel dispensing facilities and to establish specified minimum standards for plan review and inspection. Proposed law further empowers and authorizes the state fire marshal to amend relevant rules and regulations as necessary when specified minimum standards are amended. Proposed law indicates that the provisions of proposed law shall not apply to any fuel tanks regulated by the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission.

Proposed law allows the state fire marshal to inspect any fuel tank, fuel tank installation, or fuel dispensing facility upon receiving a complaint or upon his own initiative. Proposed law allows the state fire marshal to issue orders to enforce the repair or removal of fuel tanks, fuel tank installations, and fuel dispensing facilities. Proposed law imposes restrictions on the owner of a fuel tank, fuel tank installation, or fuel dispensing facility once issued an enforcement order by the state fire marshal or his representative. Proposed law enumerates a nonexclusive list of causes for finding a violation of proposed law.

Proposed law authorizes the state fire marshal to charge a plan review and document fee, as authorized by present law (R.S. 40:1574.1(A)(7)), for the plan review of fuel tanks, fuel tank installations, and fuel dispensing facilities.

Proposed law allows the state fire marshal to promulgate any rules or regulations necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:1651-1655)