

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 411

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

EMERGENCY MED TECH: Adds emergency medical services to the Fire Service Bill of Rights

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2012, relative to the Fire Service Bill of Rights; to provide
3 for the addition of emergency medical services; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 33:2012 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §2012. Fire and Emergency Medical Services ~~Service~~ Bill of Rights

7 A. This Section may be referred to as the "Louisiana Fire and Emergency
8 Medical Services ~~Service~~ Bill of Rights".

9 B. There is hereby established a Fire and Emergency Medical Services
10 ~~Service~~ Bill of Rights to promote the rights of members of the fire and emergency
11 medical services ~~service~~ in Louisiana and to insure that their rights are safeguarded
12 and protected. This Fire and Emergency Medical Services ~~Service~~ Bill of Rights
13 consists of a statement, in nontechnical terms, of the rights of members of the fire
14 and emergency medical services ~~service~~ and obligations to them. The rights afforded
15 members of the fire and emergency medical services ~~service~~ are available insofar as
16 they are implemented in accordance with the Constitution of Louisiana and
17 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the administrative rules of state and local
18 governmental entities, and the budgetary consideration of state and local
19 governmental entities. To this end, this Louisiana Fire and Emergency Medical
20 Services ~~Service~~ Bill of Rights is enacted.

1 C. The Louisiana Fire and Emergency Medical Services ~~Service~~ Bill of
2 Rights promotes the following rights for the members of fire and emergency medical
3 services ~~service~~ in Louisiana:

4 (1) Promotes each member of a fire and emergency medical services ~~service~~
5 right to be recognized as first responder to all domestic emergencies.

6 (2) Promotes each member of a fire and emergency medical services ~~service~~
7 right to be adequately protected from the dangers associated with emergency
8 response.

9 (3) Promotes the preparation of first responder families so members of the
10 fire and emergency medical services ~~service~~ can focus on their mission of responding
11 to domestic emergencies.

12 (4) Promotes each member of a fire and emergency medical services ~~service~~
13 right to have their families provided for in the event of tragic death related to
14 performance on the job.

15 (5) Promotes each member of a fire and emergency medical services ~~service~~
16 right to be educated in the latest fire and life safety sciences.

17 (6) Promotes each member of a fire and emergency medical services ~~service~~
18 right to be provided with state-of-the-art equipment and apparatus to better handle
19 all emergency situations.

20 (7) Promotes each member of a fire and emergency medical services ~~service~~
21 right to share innovative fire and life safety programs that have proven successful
22 across the nation.

23 (8) Promotes each member of a fire and emergency medical services ~~service~~
24 right to fully understand and be able to effectively respond to incidents involving the
25 transportation, storage, and use of hazardous materials.

26 (9) Promotes each member of a fire and emergency medical services ~~service~~
27 right to be fully informed of the threat of contracting infectious diseases during the
28 course of life safety activities.

1 (10) Promotes each member of a fire and emergency medical services
 2 ~~service~~ right to expect that the people of Louisiana will become full partners in the
 3 struggle to preserve life and property from the ravages of fire and other disasters.

4 (11) Promotes each member of a fire and emergency medical services right
 5 to celebrate the proud history of the American fire and emergency services personnel
 6 and the sacrifices they have made for communities across the nation.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the Louisiana Fire Service Bill of Rights.

Present law establishes a Fire Service Bill of Rights to guarantee that the rights of the fire service in La. are safeguarded and protected. Provides that the Fire Service Bill of Rights consists of a statement, in nontechnical terms, of the rights of members of the fire service and obligations to them and that the rights afforded are available only insofar as they are implemented in accordance with the constitution, laws, or administrative rules of state and local government.

Present law provides that the La. Fire Service Bill of Rights provides for the following rights for the fire service in La.:

- (1) The right to be recognized as first responder to all domestic emergencies.
- (2) The rights to be adequately protected from the dangers associated with emergency response.
- (3) The preparation of first responders families so members of the fire service can focus on their mission of responding to emergencies.
- (4) The right to have their families provided for in the event of tragic death related to performance on the job.
- (5) The right to be educated in the latest fire and life safety sciences.
- (6) The right to be provided with state-of-the-art equipment and apparatus to better handle all emergency situations.
- (7) The right to share innovative fire and life safety programs that have proven successful across the nation.
- (8) The right to fully understand and be able to effectively respond to incidents involving the transportation, storage, and use of hazardous materials.
- (9) The right to be fully informed of the threat of contracting infectious diseases during the course of life safety activities.

- (10) The right to expect that the people of La. will become full partners in the struggle to preserve life and property from the ravages of fire and other disasters.
- (11) The right to celebrate the proud history of the American fire and emergency services personnel and the sacrifices they have made for communities across the nation.

Proposed law adds emergency medical services to the La. Fire Service Bill of Rights.

(Amends R.S. 33:2012)