

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 318

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

HOUSING/MANUFACTURED: Provides relative to manufactured and modular housing
in flood-prone areas

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 51:912.22(8), relative to manufactured and modular housing in
3 flood-prone areas; to provide for minimum standards adopted by FEMA; to provide
4 for permit information; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 51:912.22(8) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §912.22. Installation standards for manufactured and modular homes

8 All manufactured and modular homes shall be installed to meet the following
9 standards, unless otherwise specified in this Part:

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11 (8)(a) In flood-prone areas, the foundation shall comply with the
12 requirements set forth in the manual, Manufactured Home Installation In Flood
13 Hazard Areas, published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
14 Nothing in this Paragraph shall be construed to prohibit state or local jurisdictions
15 from adopting more stringent elevation or freeboard requirements than those
16 contained in the FEMA manual, consistent with Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.

17 (b) For all manufactured and modular home installations in this state, the
18 state and political subdivisions may adopt laws, rules, ordinances, building codes,
19 or other measures to regulate installations that include additional freeboard
20 requirements beyond the minimum standards adopted by the National Flood

1 Insurance Program, 42 U.S.C. 4011, et seq. in order to incentivize going above the
2 minimum floodplain management standards. Freeboard requirements shall be
3 uniformly applied based on the Base Flood Elevation established in the currently
4 adopted Flood Insurance Rate Map for the jurisdiction, and shall not vary based on
5 alternative or superseded mapping sources.

6 (c) All applications submitted to and permits issued by a jurisdiction's permit
7 office shall include the Base Flood Elevation at the permitted site and the required
8 finished floor elevation, including any applicable freeboard.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to manufactured and modular housing in flood-prone areas.

Present law provides that in flood-prone areas, the foundation of manufactured and modular housing shall comply with the requirements set forth in the manual, Manufactured Home Installation In Flood Hazard Areas, published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Proposed law retains present law and adds that nothing in proposed law shall be construed to prohibit state or local jurisdictions from adopting more stringent elevation or freeboard requirements than those contained in FEMA.

Proposed law provides for measures to regulate installations that include additional freeboard requirements beyond the minimum standards adopted by the National Flood Insurance Program for all manufactured and modular home installations in this state.

Proposed law provides that freeboard requirements shall be uniformly applied based on the Base Flood Elevation established in the currently adopted Flood Insurance Rate Map for the jurisdiction, and shall not vary based on alternative or superseded mapping sources.

Proposed law provides for what information shall be included on all permits issued relative to proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 51:912.22(8))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Add that nothing in proposed law shall be construed to prohibit state or local jurisdictions from adopting more stringent elevation or freeboard requirements than those contained in FEMA.

2. Delete proposed law and instead provide for measures to regulate installations that include additional freeboard requirements beyond the minimum standards adopted by the National Flood Insurance Program for all manufactured and modular home installations in this state.
3. Remove language regarding ambiguous suggestions or guidelines.
4. Provide that freeboard requirements shall be uniformly applied based on the Base Flood Elevation established in the currently adopted Flood Insurance Rate Map for the jurisdiction, and shall not vary based on alternative or superseded mapping sources.
5. Clarify what information shall be included on all permits issued relative to proposed law.