
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes any municipality in the state to establish fire limits and prohibit the storage of flammable materials directly beneath certain structures.

Proposed law provides for definitions as follows:

- (1) "Explosive" means any chemical compound mixture, or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion.
- (2) "Combustible" means a material capable of producing a usually rapid chemical process that creates heat and usually light.
- (3) "Flammable materials" means a material capable of being easily ignited and burning quickly, including but not limited to candles, bonfires or open flames, or any other flame-producing devices.

Proposed law authorizes any municipality in the state to establish fire limits and prohibit the storage of flammable, explosive, or combustible material above ground within six feet or less beneath a bridge, overpass, viaduct, or tunnel owned by the state or operated by the municipality.

Proposed law provides for an exception authorizing certain events permitted by the municipality to use and store flammable, explosive, or combustible materials.

Proposed law provides for a criminal penalty for any person who willfully and knowingly violates proposed law or any rule, regulation, or order issued under proposed law be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, be subject for each offense to a fine of not more than \$1,500 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, for each violation.

(Adds R.S. 33:4741.1)