

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 387

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ARCHITECTS: Provides relative to professional engineering and land surveying

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1574.1(C)(1), relative to the practice of professional
3 engineering and land surveying; to provide for plan review procedures by the state
4 fire marshal; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1574.1(C)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1574.1. Costs of handling plans

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9 C.(1) In the event that plans do not appear to the fire marshal to satisfactorily
10 comply with the laws, regulations, and codes of Louisiana and the regulations of the
11 state fire marshal, the state fire marshal shall furnish a letter to the party submitting
12 the plans which shall list the particular requirements of the state fire marshal which
13 must be met before the plans can be stamped "Reviewed" and before construction
14 or renovation or remodeling can begin. However, where plans for projects are
15 submitted in violation of R.S. 37:155(A)(4) or R.S. 37:701(I), no list of requirements
16 shall be provided.

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DIGEST

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HB 387 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to professional engineering and land surveying.

Present law provides that in the event plans submitted to the fire marshal do not satisfactorily comply with laws, regulations, and codes of this state or of the fire marshal, the fire marshal shall furnish a letter to the submitting party listing the requirements which must be met before construction or renovation work can begin. Present law provides that this letter need not be furnished if plans are submitted in violation of present law, R.S. 37:155(A)(4).

Proposed law adds that the fire marshal need not furnish that letter to the submitting party if plans are submitted in violation of proposed law, R.S. 37:701(I)(3).

(Amends R.S. 40:1574.1(C)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove provision of proposed law relative to incidental engineering by architects, limiting site work on new construction or additions to be limited to areas within five feet of the foundation.