

SENATE BILL NO. 334

BY SENATOR CATHEY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2575(A), relative to enforcement of ordinances by a
3 municipality or parish; to provide relative to blighted or abandoned property; to
4 provide relative to public health, housing, fire codes, building codes, zoning,
5 vegetation, nuisances, environmental, historic district, and licensing and permits
6 ordinances; to provide relative to procedures for administrative adjudication; and to
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 13:2575(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §2575. Blighted or abandoned property; public health, housing, fire code, building
11 code, and certain other ordinance violations; administrative
12 adjudication; procedure; appeal; penalties

13 A.(1) Any municipality or parish may prescribe civil fines for blighted
14 property, abandoned property, or violation of public health, housing, fire code,
15 environmental, and historic district ordinances in the municipality or parish by
16 owners of immovable property, their agents, tenants, or representatives pursuant to
17 the procedures for administrative adjudication provided in this Chapter. For the
18 purposes of this Chapter, "housing violations" shall encompass only those conditions
19 in privately owned structures which are determined to constitute a threat or danger
20 to the public health, safety or welfare, to the environment, or a historic district. In
21 municipalities with a population of seventy thousand or more according to the latest
22 federal decennial census, the term "housing violation" as used in this Chapter shall
23 also encompass building codes, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance ordinances.
24 However, nothing in this Section shall be construed to affect activities which occur
25 on the premises of manufacturing facilities and which are regulated by Title 30 of
26 the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

27 (2) For purposes of this Chapter, "blighted property" shall have the same

1 meaning as provided in R.S. 33:1374(B), and "abandoned property" shall have the
2 same meaning as provided in R.S. 33:4720.59(D)(2).

3 **(3) The procedures for administrative adjudication provided in this**
4 **Chapter also may be used for the enforcement of ordinances concerning**
5 **building codes, zoning, vegetation, nuisances, and licensing. Permits and such**
6 **other ordinances may be determined by the governing authority of the parish**
7 **or municipality.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____