

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides relative to the regulation of explosives.

Prior law defined "blaster" as a person employed by a primary licensee who detonates or otherwise effects the explosion of an explosive or who is in immediate personal charge and supervision of one or more other persons engaged in such activity.

New law redefines "blaster" to mean a person employed by a primary licensee who detonates or otherwise effects the explosion of an explosive or a person employed by a primary licensee who directly manages, supervises, or directs the activities of one or more persons employed by the same licensee who detonates or otherwise effects the explosion of an explosive by intentionally causing an explosion of an explosive to occur.

New law defines "explosives business" as any corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, society, or joint stock company which engages in the manufacturing, distributing, buying, selling, or consumption of explosives and explosives materials.

Prior law defined "handler" as a person who touches, moves, or otherwise handles explosives but does not detonate or otherwise effect the explosion of explosives or explosives materials. and prohibits a blaster or other user of explosives as an ultimate consumer from using a license issued to a handler.

New law redefines "handler" as a person who touches, moves, or transports explosives but does not detonate nor effect the explosion of explosives or explosives materials by intentionally causing an explosion of an explosive to occur.

Prior law defined "person" as any individual, corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, society, or joint stock company.

New law redefines "person" as any individual, or employee or member of a corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, society, or joint stock company that acquires, sells, possesses, stores, engages in the use of, or transports explosives in this state.

Existing law provides the deputy secretary to assess a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation against any person he determines to have violated any rule or regulation adopted and requires that the deputy secretary take into account the nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the violation, the degree of culpability of the person violating the rule or regulation, the person's history of previous offenses, the person's ability to pay and the effect of the penalty on his ability to continue to operate, and any other matter that justice requires.

New law retains existing law and adds the explosives business as potentially liable under existing law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 40:1472.2(4), (9.1), and (18), 1472.3(E)(3)(b), and 1472.9(A); adds R.S. 40:1472.2(7.1))