

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 849 (HB 864)

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New law authorizes any municipality in the state to establish fire limits and prohibit the storage, placement, accumulation, abandonment, or use of flammable, explosive, or combustible material above ground within the right-of-way of a public bridge, overpass, viaduct, or tunnel. Defines "flammable", "explosive", and "combustible".

New law provides that any parish or municipality may authorize the use of flammable, explosive, or combustible materials for events permitted by the parish or municipality, provided the permits or agreements are subject to all state and federal laws and regulations.

New law provides that any person who willfully and knowingly violates new law or any rule, regulation, or order issued under new law may be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each violation.

New law shall not be construed to apply to infrastructure owned or operated by member-owned electric cooperatives or investor-owned utilities that are regulated by the Public Service Commission or the governing authority of the city of New Orleans.

New law provides that nothing in new law shall prohibit temporary, attended activity involving approved equipment or materials when the activity is authorized under otherwise applicable law and complies with all applicable state, federal, parish, municipal, fire, health, traffic, public-safety, and right-of-way requirements.

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(Adds R.S. 33:4741.1)