

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 537

BY SENATOR MARTINY

HAZARD MITIGATION. Provides for the electronic or telephonic notification of hazardous materials incidents. (8/1/14)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2366(C) and (D) and the introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:1510(A), and to enact R.S. 30:2363(20) relative to reporting requirements for state and local governments after certain incidents, accidents, and cleanups involving hazardous materials; to provide for definitions; to provide for electronic or telephonic notifications of such events; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:2366(C) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 30:2363(20) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2363. Definitions

The following terms as used in this Chapter shall have the following meanings:

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(20) "Electronic Notification" means a process approved by the department for reporting required notifications.

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§2366. Responsibilities of cooperating departments

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D.(1) Upon development of the ~~one-call state~~ electronic or telephonic notification system for emergency release notifications, proper notification to the department of a release shall satisfy all emergency reporting obligations of the person making the notification, including all emergency reporting obligations of such person to the Department of Environmental Quality, other state agencies, and local response agencies.

Section 2. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:1510 (A) is hereby amended and
ed to read as follows:

A. Each person involved in an incident, accident, or the cleanup of an incident or accident during the transportation, loading, unloading, or related storage in any place of a hazardous material subject to this Chapter shall report immediately

1 by ~~telephone~~ **electronic or telephonic notification** to the department if that incident,
2 accident, or cleanup of an incident or accident involves:

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

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Present law requires that proper notification of a release of hazardous materials be made by telephone.

Proposed law retains present law and adds electronic means as a method of notification.

Proposed law defines "electronic notification".

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 30:2366(C) and (D) and R.S. 32:1510(A)(intro para); adds R.S. 30:2363(20))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Environmental Quality to the original bill

1. Adds electronic means as a method of notification of a release of hazardous materials.