## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Defines "short-term rental dwelling unit" for purposes of registering with the office of state fire marshal and prohibits the owner of a short-term rental dwelling unit from completing a booking transaction unless the unit is registered.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "booking transaction" as any contractual agreement between a guest and an owner of a short-term rental dwelling unit and a "short-term rental dwelling unit" as a dwelling unit used by a guest for a period of not more than 29 consecutive days per booking transaction.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits an owner of a short-term rental dwelling unit from using a platform to complete a booking transaction unless the owner has registered the unit with the office of state fire marshal.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the initial registration to be submitted electronically on forms created by the office of state fire marshal. Further, <u>proposed law</u> requires the owner to renew the registration either annually or every 5 years.

Present law authorizes the office of state fire marshal to establish and collect certain fees.

Proposed law requires the owner to pay the following fees for the initial registration and renewal:

(1) Initial annual registration: \$5

(2) Annual renewal: \$5

(3) Initial 5-year registration: \$20

(4) 5-year renewal: \$20

Proposed law establishes the following penalties for an owner in violation of proposed law:

(1) 1st violation: warning letter

(2) 2nd violation: civil penalty not to exceed \$500

(3) 3rd and each subsequent violation: civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the office of state fire marshal to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the office of state fire marshal to assess penalties pursuant to <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> provides for rules compliance with certain building and safety codes. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law.</u>

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the deposit of all monies received by the office of state fire marshal pursuant to <u>proposed law</u> into the Louisiana Life Safety and Property Protection Fund as provided for in <u>present law</u>.

(Adds R.S. 40:1584)