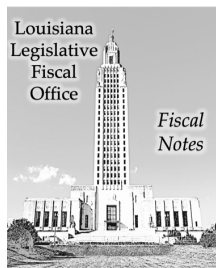


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FIRE PROTECTION RE INCREASE SG RV See Note Page 1 of 2
 Provides relative to life safety and property protection licensing

Proposed law provides for revisions to the licensing and regulatory framework governing life safety and property protection systems under the authority of the state fire marshal. Proposed law extends the term of licensure from one year to three years and establishes revised renewal and reinstatement requirements, including penalties for late renewal and provisions requiring reapplication after extended lapse periods. Proposed law modifies applicant eligibility and compliance requirements by limiting mandatory background checks to qualifying parties and principal officers of licensed entities, rather than all individual applicants. Proposed law further exempts certain categories of personnel from licensure requirements, including administrative employees and out-of-state individuals providing remote technical support services, subject to specified conditions. Proposed law eliminates provisional licensing authority and revises fee structures and administrative procedures associated with licensure. Proposed law updates statutory definitions and removes outdated classifications to reflect current industry practices.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION


Proposed law will have an indeterminable net increase in SGR collected by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The bill changes the license term from one (1) year to three (3) years. As a result, fees will be collected less often, but in larger amounts, which may cause a temporary decrease in annual revenue during the transition to the new fee system. The proposed law also changes the fee structure from an annual system to a multi-year system. While some fees may be higher upfront, the annual cost for license holders may remain the same or decrease. In addition, fewer individuals will be required to obtain licenses under the bill, which may reduce total fee collections. However, stricter rules for expired licenses may increase revenue from late fees and reapplications.

The OSFM reports the proposed law would result in a total increase in self-generated revenue of \$53,650 annually.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION continues

For informational purposes, below is a table comparing current to proposed fee structure:

Category	Current Law	Proposed Law	Fiscal/Operational Impact
License Term	1 year	3 years	Reduces renewal frequency; may reduce annual administrative processing volume but concentrates revenue collection into multi-year cycles.
Initial License Fee	Assessed annually based on license type	Adjusted to reflect 3-year licensure period	Likely increases upfront cost per issuance but neutral or reduced cost over time on an annualized basis.
Renewal Fee	Due annually	Due every 3 years	Reduces frequency of payments; may create periodic revenue fluctuations for the state.
Late Renewal Penalty	Varies; generally applied after expiration	No penalty within 15-day grace period; up to \$125 thereafter	Introduces standardized penalty structure; may increase penalty collections but provides short compliance buffer.
License Expiration	May allow administrative flexibility for renewal	License becomes invalid immediately upon expiration	Stricter enforcement may increase compliance but risks more lapses requiring reinstatement.
Reinstatement Fee	Allowed within certain administrative limits	Reapplication required if expired > 1 year (new fees apply)	Could increase revenue from reapplications; higher burden on noncompliant licensees.
Provisional License Fee	Temporary/provisional licenses allowed (fee assessed)	Eliminated	Reduces one category of fee revenue; may delay entry of new applicant.
Background Check Fees	Required for most/all applicants	Limited to qualifiers and principal officers	Reduces total fees paid by applicants; lowers compliance costs for businesses.
Administrative Personnel Licensing Fees	Broad applicability across employees	Exempts administrative and certain remote personnel	Decreases total fee collections; reduces regulatory scope.

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