
DIGEST

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HB No. 541

Abstract: Authorizes the fire marshal to charge a fee for conducting reviews for certain plans or specifications for facilities licensed or certified by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals.

Present law (R.S. 40:1563(G)(1)) authorizes the fire marshal to charge fees for conducting inspections, both as to private persons, and the state. Specifies, that such fees must cover, but not exceed, the actual cost of the inspections. Further, specifies that the inspection fee must be based on the time required for the inspection multiplied by 2.5 times the average hourly pay rate for inspectors; provided however, all nonpublic elementary and secondary schools are exempt from the payment of such fees imposed.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes the fire marshal to charge fees for plan reviews. Specifies that such fees cannot exceed the actual cost of the plan review. Further, specifies that the fee must be based on the time required to conduct the plan review multiplied 2.5 times the average hourly pay rate for plan reviewers.

Proposed law (R.S. 40:1563(L)) authorizes the fire marshal to conduct plan reviews for plans or specifications for facilities licensed or certified by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals which are submitted for review to the fire marshal pursuant to rules promulgated by the department, both as to private persons and the state.

Present law (R.S. 40:2017.11) provides for a charge of \$5 per page for all plans or specifications for hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, nursing homes, and group or community homes or other residential living options which are submitted for review to the Dept. of Health and Hospitals or its designee pursuant to rules promulgated by the department. Further, provides for a minimum charge of \$25 and a maximum charge of \$300, plus a postage and handling fee of \$10. Requires that these costs be paid prior to review by the owner of the project for which the review is requested.

Proposed law repeals present law in its entirety.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1563(G)(1); Adds R.S. 40:1563(L); Repeals R.S. 40:2017.11)