

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 541 by Representative St. Germain

FIRE PROTECT/FIRE MARSHAL: Provides for fire marshal review of plans and specifications for health care facilities and residential living options

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Clarifies that the fire marshal is authorized to conduct plan reviews for plans or specifications for facilities licensed or certified, or seeking licensure or certification by, DHH and allows DHH, in consultation with the fire marshal, to promulgate rules applicable to both public and private entities.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law (R.S. 40:1563(L)) authorizes the fire marshal to conduct plan reviews for plans or specifications for facilities licensed or certified, or seeking licensure or certification by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals which are submitted for review to the fire marshal pursuant to rules promulgated by the department, in consultation with the fire marshal. Applies the rules to both public and private entities.

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 retains present law except authorizes the fire marshal, instead of DHH, to conduct the review of the plans and specifications for the same present law charges and allows for rules to be promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

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

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