

Prior law required the DPS&C, office of state police, to send a "Notice of Violation, Proposed Finding and Proposed Civil Penalty", of Chapter designated as "Hazardous Materials Transportation and Motor Carrier Safety", or of Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, to the responsible party within 30 calendar days of the violation.

Prior law provided for dismissal of a violation if the DPS&C, office of state police, failed to issue a violation notice timely and provided an additional 60 days to issue a violation to the responsible party if the office of state police experienced a data system failure caused by either an act of God or an intentional act of sabotage.

New law extends the time of notice of violation from 30 days to within 60 calendar days whenever an incident involves hazardous materials and includes evacuations, fatalities, or serious injuries.

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(Amends R.S. 32:1525(A)(1) and (3))