

Existing 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.

Existing 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.

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

Effective upon signature of governor (June 12, 2012).

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