

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 262

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1563.1(A)(17) and to enact R.S. 40:1563.1(A)(18) and (19),
3 relative to the authority of fire marshals to conduct investigations and make arrests;
4 to add failure to register as a convicted arsonist and violation of a fire marshal's
5 orders to the list of offenses for which a fire marshal may conduct investigations and
6 make arrests; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1563.1(A)(17) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 40:1563.1(A)(18) and (19) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1563.1. Authority to make arrests and carry firearms; arson task force

11 A. The fire marshal, the first assistant fire marshal, each deputy fire marshal,
12 certified local authorities, and state or municipal arson investigators, while engaged
13 in the performance of their duties as such, shall have the authority to investigate and
14 cause the arrest of individuals suspected of having violated the following criminal
15 laws:

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17 (17) R.S. 15:562.5, failure to register.

18 (18) R.S. 40:1621, violation of fire marshal's orders. This Paragraph shall
19 be limited to fire marshal orders related to activities or instances determined by the
20 fire marshal to pose an immediate danger to life.

